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£600 TO PARK IN CITY CENTRE

A CAR PARK is to be created in Wolverhampton city centre - available only for drivers who pay for a £600-a-year season ticket.

The creation of the 32-space car park is expected to bring in £19,200 a year for Wolverhampton City Council.

The car park is being built near Lock Street, with the council hoping it will attract students living at the nearby Victoria Halls student village.

by Daniel Wainwright

The council will install a barrier and only people who have passes will be able to get in and out. There will also be CCTV cameras for security.

Henry Carver, chairman of Wolverhampton Business Group, said: "I don't think it's going to do any harm.

"The council has been tidying the area up."

Council spokesman Tim Clark said: "The car park is on land which has benefited from being near the canal basin, where there have been environmental improve-ments recently.

Passes

"We anticipate that there will be some interest from students.

"However, the passes will be available to anyone."

The council has recently cut its parking fees at three city centre car parks. Parking on the Fold Street, School Street and Market car parks is now 50p for an hour. Apart from Victoria Halls residents, the permits at Lock Street are expected to be bought by workers who need to park all day in Wolverhampton during the week.

The council will also create a temporary 40-space car park at the site of the former Fox Hotel.

It has demolished the hotel in a £400,000 operation and is intending to attract another operator to build a new one.

The car park will provide income before redevelopment takes place.

The Wolverhampton Business Group lobbied the council to provide more parking and to lower fees.

The group, led by Mr Carver of Carvers Building Supplies, wants to see charges fall at all council-run car parks and gathered a 3,500-signature petition.

Ban over doormats at council flats lifted

A CONTROVERSIAL ban on doormats outside council flats in Wolverhampton has been scrapped in moves which tenants have hailed a victory for common sense.

Wolverhampton Homes, which manages council housing for Wolverhampton City Council, has reversed its rules and is now allowing tenants to have mats outside their front doors.

Previously, doormats were considered a fire hazard and residents were ordered to remove them.

Wolverhampton Homes spokeswoman Kate Hughes said: "We're always listening to our customers and some have told us that they want to put a doormat outside their flat to help keep their homes clean.

"We're pleased to be able to say that we will now allow small, non-slip, fire-retardant mats in communal areas.

"We will check the mats periodically to ensure they don't present a trip or other safety hazard."

The ban was drawn up as part of a shake-up of fire safety following a fatal fire at flats in London.

Dave Poyner, aged 81, chairman of the Vauxhall Residents' Association, said: "All we ever wanted was some common sense and I think we have that now."

Prowl thief targets cars

FIVE cars were targeted during a night-time crime spree in Wolverhampton. CDs, a coat and sunglasses were among items stolen from vehicles in the Spring Hill area of Penn.

Cars parked in Scott Avenue, Braden Road, Linton Road and Woodhall Road were targeted in the early hours of Sunday.

Sergeant Ron Price said he believed the offences were carried out by the same person. Witnesses or anyone with information should contact police on 101.

Sheltered home fire

FIVE people were evacuated after a fire in sheltered housing in Wolverhampton caused by food left on a cooker. Firefighters were called to the flat of a man, believed to be in his 80s, at Bromley House, off Bromley Place, Penn Road, at about 3.30pm on Monday. Damage was kept to one room but there was smoke logging. No-one was hurt.

Ark leaves dragons in its wake

Members of winning team Joner's Ark celebrate victory in the dragon boat race at Himley Park

AN ANNUAL dragon boat race which raises thousands for charity has been declared a roaring success.

At Himley Park, Himley Hall, near Wombourne, on Sunday teams from across the Black Country took part in the 12thrace, which was organised by the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton.

Winners of the Dragon Boat Challenge were the Joner's Ark team, one of three teams from Goodrich Actuation, Wednesfield, with a time of 1min15sec. The best school winner was The Royal Wolverhampton School with a time of 1min21sec

Rotary Club President Richard Green, said: "In the past 11 years the challenge has raised more than £260,000 for charity."

Wolverhampton Grammar School teachers took to the water dressed as pirates. A team from GKR Karate Club, which runs classes throughout the Dudley area, took part.

Chris Jewkes of Chris Jewkes Fitness, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton entered two teams of members into the race, a boys team and a girls team.

Kidderminster-based Russell Perks Martial Arts Academy raised funds for the British Heart Foundation, because the organisation's shop in the town was burnt down last year.

Roadwork will mean new delay for drivers

DRIVERS face four weeks of disruption along a busy Wolverhampton road repeatedly ripped up over the past two years.

Temporary traffic lights have been installed along the A454 Willenhall Road for the project – due to last until the end of June.

Wolverhampton City Council and Severn Trent are behind the work.

The road is being ripped up from its junctions with Old Heath Road and Hickman Avenue and diversions will be in place.

Contractors from Severn Trent are also working on an underground mains in Hickman Avenue by both the junction with Willenhall Road and by Sutherland Avenue. Temporary traffic lights will be in operation.

The work is being carried out between 9.30am and 3.30pm to keep disruption to a minimum.

Resurfacing will take place along Willenhall Road, by the junction with Neachells Lane, from May 27.

Work will be carried out on the Sunday and then on evenings between 7pm and midnight for the remaining five days. Diversions for Neachells Lane and Moseley Road will be in place.

The final resurfacing work along the Willenhall Road will start on June 17, at the junction with Deans Road and Stowheath Lane.

Store facing plan setback

CONTROVERSIAL plans to expand a Wolverhampton budget store were set to be refused this week under recommendations by planning officers. Lidl wants to extend its supermarket in Finchfield Hill by 2,723 sq ft.

But campaigners claim it would lead to an increase in traffic and damage the "village feel" of the area.

Plans would see an empty 136-year-old house next door demolished but Wolverhampton City Council officers are urging councillors to throw them out.

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Following the success of their 'finishing touches' discount card this spring Leekes are delighted to reintroduce this fantastic offer – which is great news for all home improvers!

As Managing Director Emma Leeke revealed "We received a lot of positive feedback from customers regarding our spring offer as the combination of interest free finance and the finishing touches discount card really seems to make home improvement dreams a reality.

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Residents called to patrol the city streets

PEOPLE in Wolverhampton are being asked by police to don fluorescent jackets and patrol the streets to help tackle issues such as anti-social behaviour.

West Midlands Police has defended the scheme and has vowed it is not "policing on the cheap" despite £126 million of Government cuts over the next three years.

As part of the Street Watch plans, residents in Wolverhampton will be given conflict and dispute training, and will be expected to give up two hours a month of their time. The scheme is already a success in neighbourhoods across Birmingham, with the force looking to now introduce it into the Blakenhall and Spring Vale areas of Wolverhampton.

Sgt Colin Mattinson said he had already been contacted by up to five volunteers who have expressed an interest.

He said: "This isn't policing on the cheap. It is people in the community who actually care about what is happening.

"It is a case of working together with them about the direction of the community." Sgt Mattinson said anyone agreeing to patrol as part of the Street Watch scheme would not be expected to put themselves in any danger.

Although patrollers are encouraged to get to know local youths, and can intervene to stop rowdy behaviour and petty crime, they must step back at the first hint of trouble and alert police.

"The role would be more about providing a level of reassurance to other members of the public," Sgt Mattinson added.

Since being formed in 2006, Street Watch schemes have grown from strength to strength.

Light House's upgrade appeal reaches £2,000

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to secure the future of Wolverhampton's only independent cinema have raised more than £2,000 for the cause, bosses have said.

Light House in the city centre can show digital movies on only one of its two screens and, in February, bosses launched a £7,500 fundraising campaign to upgrade the other screen to digital and modernise projection equipment.

They are hoping the campaign will safeguard the cinema for generations to come.

The grand total stands at £2,225 – and people have until December to hit the target.

CEO Kelly Jeffs said: "We have been overwhelmed by the donations received from our loyal and supportive audience members so far.

"However, we still have a way to go to reach the target.

Launched

"Once we are able to update our projection equipment to digital, we will be able to expand our film programme offer even more.

"Light House is such an important cultural asset to the city of Wolverhampton, and the continued donations to help with the changes needed would be a fantastic way to help with keeping us alive now and in the future."

Light House, in the historic Chubb buildings, faces an uncertain future as more film releases are being made available in a digital format rather than on 35mm film.

The UK Film Council spearheaded the switchover and launched the Digital Screen Network in 2005 but funding has ended.

To keep going, the Light House needs full upgrade. Visit www. angelshares.com or www. light-house.co.uk for further information or contact the box office on 01902 716055.

Mobile call lorry crash driver jailed

A TRUCK driver from Wombourne who caused a huge smash on a trunk road when he tried to answer his mobile phone has been jailed for 18 weeks.

David Ryan's 10-tonne lorry overturned and hit two cars when he was distracted by the phone while driving in Cumbria.

The 26-year-old, of Meadow Lane, was driving his truck along the A590 near Newby Bridge on January 9 when he tried to answer his mobile.

He lost control of the vehicle and it ploughed into two cars, including a blue Vauxhall carrying a woman and two small children.

Emergency services had to cut several injured people from the car. Seven people were taken to hospital.

Ryan pleaded guilty to dangerous driving. He was banned from driving for three years.

Store gives school £500

A SUPERMARKET in Wednesfield will present a cheque for £500 to a Wolverhampton primary school on Thursday.

Eastfield Primary School in Colliery Road will get the money from Sainsbury's to help with its Fairtrade project.

Boots are made for walking

Walking Festival organiser Arthur Richards and council leader Brian Edwards

AN annual walking festival in South Staffordshire is back for its sixth year, with organisers promising it will be the best yet.

Hundreds of walkers are expected to dust off their walking boots, put their best feet forward and walk through villages across the district from Sunday (27) to July 10.

Leader of South Staffordshire Council Brian Edwards, encouraged as many people as possible to get involved. He said: "We've got walks for everyone and the great news is they're all completely free."

The six-week long festival starts in Bilbrook and Codsall before visiting villages around the district, ending on a Walkathon Challenge in Wheaton Aston.

For a free brochure about the walks, call 01902 696410.

Swim pool looks set to reopen in summer

THE swimming pool at Wolverhampton Central Baths is expected to reopen in early July after £40,000 of repairs.

It was closed at the end of February after tiles came loose from the side and floor of the tank.

The problem developed because the pool had to be drained to remove glass that had been shattered during a break-in when a hairdryer was stolen from a changing room.

Approximately 20,000 tiles are to be fitted and specialists have spent the past month removing the old tiles in preparation for replacements to be installed at the 22-year-old pool.

Wolverhampton City Council's leisure boss Councillor Elias Mattu said: "Work is progressing well on the repairs at Central Baths and we're expecting to be able to reopen the pool in early July.

"This is a major piece of work and we of course would like to apologise to all our customers for the inconvenience that it has caused over the last couple of months but I can assure them that staff are working hard to ensure the pool will reopen as soon possible."

Take a chance as act returns

A LEADING Abba tribute act is making a welcome return to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre next month.

Abba Mania have been touring the world for 13 hits of Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny and Anni-Frid, which is considered to be the world's leading Abba tour show.

The two-hour show, on Friday June 8, will include such classic hits as Dancing Queen, Waterloo, and Take a Chance on Me. Tickets, start at £17.50.

Pub regulars on charity 'crawl'

PUB licensees from a village near Wolverhampton walked 26 miles in bras in aid of a cancer charity.

Karen and Keith Horton of the Plough Inn, Claverley got together with customers and family to do the London Moon Walk in their decorated bras, to raise £2,700 for Breast Cancer research. They started at 11.30pm completing the task at 9.30am.

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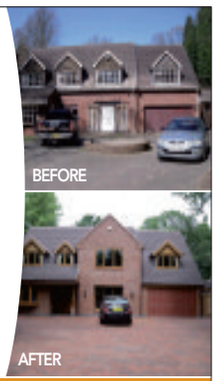

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Riot suspect acquitted as police criticised

A SUSPECTED teenage rioter from Wolverhampton has been acquitted after a judge branded the police's evidence "hastily cobbled together at the 11th hour".

The 17-year-old from Penn Fields, who cannot be named for legal easons, was accused of entering jewellery shop EV Becketts with intent to steal during 2011's riots in Wolverhampton.

The city's magistrates court heard lalsrt week how the prosecution's case centred on a DNA blood sample. This was taken from the scene on August 13 – four days after the riot that saw thugs rampage through the streets.

This was compared with a DNA mouth swab taken from the teenager when he was arrested in 2009.

But it was not compared with a new blood sample taken when he was arrested over the EV Becketts matter.

District judge Michael Wheeler criticised officers for never making a direct comparison between the blood found in the store and the blood sample taken at the time of arrest. He said he found the delay between the alleged offence and finding the sample in the shop "concerning".

He told the youngster: "The case against you was poor, the evidence hastily cobbled together at the 11th hour and it simply isn't good enough.

"This matter goes back nine months and this is in my view a case where the Crown Prosecution Service and the police would like to prove what they think happened. The identification evidence is at best questionable and I am concerned about the time delay between the finding of the sample and the date of the burglary taking place.

"There has been no comparison made in the six months since. All of that is compounded by the time delay.

"No conviction would be safe and there is no case for you to answer."

West Midlands Police disagreed with the judge's assessment that the evidence brought to court had been rushed.

Homes to get solar powering

HUNDREDS of households in Wolverhampton will be offered free roof solar panels which could generate an income of around £138 a year for families.

Energy company E.on is proposing to install the panels on 335 private homes if their roofs are suitable.

The areas covered are Parkfields, Bilston, Park Village, Blakenhall and All Saints.

The homes will generate an income as they will be supplying electricity to the main network.

Another 340 properties on the St Chads estate, Bilston, are also being considered.

Wolverhampton City Council owns 106 of them and the authority is in line to make £14,628 a year.

Properties would have between five and seven panels installed.

E.on would cover all the costs of the panels, which would bring in an income of £238 per property per year.

Homeowners would be responsible for upkeep and maintenance of around £100 a year.

Make date for photos

A PHOTOGRAPHY competition to generate pictures for the 2013 Wednesfield Calender has launched.

Following the sell-out success of this year's alamanac, St Thomas' Church is offering amateurs, budding professionals and established photographers a chance to publish their images of the town in the calender.

Team rector, the Rev Nick Watson, said: "We're looking forward to sorting through some great photographs of Wednesfield and hope that entrants make choosing the 13 images we need a very difficult task."

Deadline for entries is July 31. Images can be sent to info@wv11.co.uk with 'Calender Competition' in the subject line or directly to St Thomas', Church Street.

On moth patrol

PEOPLE can get to know the mammals and insects which come to life after dark at two events to be held in Wolverhampton on Friday. Visitors to Bantock Park will be able to listen to bat calls using special detectors and help park rangers survey the park's moth population at the Bat and Moth Night. To book call 01902 550773.

Mayor Bert bows out with £55,000 raised for charity

THE outgoing mayor of Wolverhampton raised £55,000 for charity during his year in office, it has been revealed.

Councillor Bert Turner formally handed over to this year's mayor Councillor Christine Mills at a meeting last week. The money, will go to the Alzheimer's Society, Compton Hospice and the acute medical ward for dementia at New Cross Hospital.

The 75-year-old joined the Labour party in 1962 and worked at Bilston Steelworks until it closed in 1980.

He was a leading trade unionist for the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation but went on to work with adults with special educational needs.

Councillor Turner, who won re-election to his Bilston East seat earlier this month, said: "It has been a tremendous honour to serve this city as mayor.

"My wife Kath and I take lasting memories of our year in office."

The new mayor is Conservative councillor Christine Mills.

The appointment was a last-minute one because the mayor had been due to be Paddy Bradley.

Seat

However, the Tory lost her seat in Penn to Labour after 39 years of service – forcing the Conservatives to put forward an alternative.

Mrs Mills was last mayor in 2008/9.

She revealed at the meeting that she would adopt the Samaritans as one of her chosen charities because it had been due to benefit from Mrs Bradley's year in office.

Fund – Bert Turner

Her other charities will be Compton Hospice and Help For Heroes.

Mrs Mills also paid tribute to 75-year-old Mrs Bradley and said: "Few of us here will give the dedication that Paddy Bradley gave with her service as a councillor for 39 years.

"She thoroughly deserved the title of mayor.

"She is held in great esteem by all parties across the council for her service."

The meeting also saw Labour leader Councillor Roger Lawrence re-elected as leader of Wolverhampton City Council for a four-year term.

Start of building for new school

WORK to build a £12.9 million school in Wolverhampton has finally started.

St Edmund's Catholic School at Compton Park is being relocated to the site of a former University of Wolverhampton building.

The £12.9m school, which will be completed next year, is part of the development that will also see the erection of a new Wolves football academy and new homes on the site.

Two vacant university buildings are being refurbished and a new extension will be built as part of the school plans.

Best

Among the new features will be a chapel, chaplaincy space and RE classrooms.

Headteacher Deirdre Finucane said: "Our current facilities are a bit worn and very crowded.

"Moving up the road will give us the best of both worlds: continuity with our roots and brand new learning areas to transform learning and teaching in the 21st century."

To mark the start of works pupils buried a time capsule with school memorabilia.

Chavaughan Anderson, 12, Priya Kumar, 13, and Diarmuid Hehir, 12, Deirdre Finucane, Jez Moxey, council chief Simon Warren and Councillor Phil Page

Artwork on display

STUDENTS on an adult art course in Wolverhampton are exhibiting their latest work until Friday. A wide range of pieces by established and up-and-coming artists are on show as part of the Creative Connections course, run by Wolverhampton's Adult Education Service. The exhibition is at the City Learning Quarter until May 25. For information call 01902 558164.

NEWS in brief

Aerospace firm wins display race

A FIRM in Wolverhampton which supplies the aerospace industry is to take part in an exhibition highlighting the cream of British manufacturing.

The Make it in Great Britain exhibition is being held at the Science Museum in London during the Olympic and Paralympic Games and Goodrich Actuation Systems, Stafford Road, beat off stiff competition to be selected.

Its graduate team will be showcasing its electric nose wheel steering system and telling visitors about the value of such work in the UK.

Vintage parade will delay drivers

DRIVERS have been warned of delays over the Jubilee weekend as a parade of classic vehicles takes to the streets for Wolverhampton's Steam and Vintage Rally. Hundreds of vehicles will go through the city on June 2 to launch the two-day event at West Park.

It will set off from the park at noon, turning into Bath Road and then along the Ring Road and Waterloo Road before stopping at Queen Square and then returning to the park.

Swim classes for youngsters starts

YOUNGSTERS with disabilities can join a swimming programme in Wolverhampton. The city council is launching its second Introduction to Swimming at the Swimming and Fitness Centre, Wednesfield, next month.

Youngsters between the age of seven and 15 can take part in the free sessions every Saturday from 6pm to 7.30pm. The first is on June 2.

Student awards given to lecturers

STUDENTS at the University of Wolverhampton showed their appreciation to staff at an inaugural awards ceremony.

More than 250 staff and students attended the Students' Union Teaching Awards at Molineux at which 11 awards were handed out to staff members who were nominated by students.

Raising concerns

RESIDENTS in the Spring Vale area of Wolverhampton can raise concerns with Councillor Richard Whitehouse at a surgery at Spring Vale School, Hateley Drive, from 6pm to 7pm on June 20. Call 01902 659835 or 07825 530436.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

IF THE Civil Service can manage without thousands of its employees at their offices during the seven weeks of the London Olympics, then it can probably manage without them altogether.

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MEANWHILE, if civil servants are relishing the prospect of working from home, following orders by phone and email, they should remember this. If there is one thing worse than the boss not having his workers in the office, it is the workers having the boss in their own homes.

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IT TOOK less than a year for the 1945-46 Nuremburg trials to hear the evidence against 25 top Nazis, reach its judgments and execute the wickedest. Today we are told that the trial in The Hague of Ratko Mladic, the "Butcher of Bosnia" could take up to three years. More Hague, less speed?

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SOME friends of ours have just been allocated their London Olympics tickets – four seats for the athletics. They are thrilled, and puzzled that I do not share their excitement. It occurs to me that there are only two sorts of people in the world, those who love being in crowds and those who detest it. Discuss.

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THERE is also the irritating fact that no matter how good a seat you get at the Olympics or any other great event, television will always get a better view. I had a press seat in St Paul's for the Charles and Diana Royal Wedding all those years ago. I couldn't wait to get home and see it properly on the telly.

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THE Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is protesting once again about plans to turn the awesome water power of the Severn Estuary into massive amounts of clean, green electricity. I enjoy birds as much as anyone but I fail to see why Britain's energy industry should be held to ransom by a bunch of peewits.

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AN OLD friend mourns the passing of his soldering iron. It was a British-made model and it has given up the ghost after 48 years. It hardly needs adding that the maker has long since vanished. No-one ever made money manufacturing a product which only needs replacing every half-century.

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ED BALLS is reported to be pressing Labour to make a General Election promise of a referendum on the UK's continued membership of the EU. This is presumably the same Labour Party which promised no university tuition fees. And let's not forget that the Tories promised no deeper involvement in the EU without a referendum (and then cheerfully signed up to the Lisbon Treaty), and said nothing at all in their manifesto about gay marriage which has suddenly become an article of faith. If politicians did what they promised, they wouldn't be politicians.

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A READER who works as a guide at a stately home was congratulated by an American visitor on the closely-trimmed lawns. She explained that the head gardener sprinkled whisky on the lawns each evening so the grass came up half-cut.

"I'll try that when I get home," said the American, earnestly.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

£280k fishing pool project is on schedule

WORK to restore a popular fishing pool in Bilston back to its former glory is close to being completed. Grapes Pool has been fully drained and filled back up again.

The £280,000 project is on schedule and the pool in Moseley Road will reopen at the end of next month.

Landscaping works including the creation of new paths and fencing are due to be completed soon. Fish will then be put in the pool over the winter. Councillor Elias Mattu, cabinet member for leisure and communities, said the work to refurbish the pool was progressing well.

"We are on track to complete the work by the end of June as originally planned," he said. "The pool has almost been filled and landscaping works, including new paths and fencing, are due to be completed shortly.

"The benches will also be replaced and new signage will be put up. The fish will be put in the pool in the winter when temperatures are cooler and conditions are most favourable."

Developers moved on to the site in October to remove silt, repair a leak and start extensive landscaping work.

Residents and councillors spent months campaigning for the work at Grapes Pool to take place. Funds have come from Wolverhampton City Council, a grant from the Environment Agency and developers.

Work nears end at Grapes Pool

Steeling the limelight as success keeps on rolling

AN ORANGE glow emanating from a piece of super-hot steel is perhaps a sight more associated with the Black Country industry of the past than today's factory floors.

But Legg Brothers in Ettingshall has found a way to survive the decline of the steel industry, that led to so many businesses closing.

The company opened three years after the closure of Bilston Steelworks, which devastated the town with the loss of thousands of jobs.

Today it shapes the steel for 90 per cent of Britain's horseshoes and crafts the intricate steel used in virtually all window shutters in France.

It also makes lawnmower blades used by many of the big brands. Sheffield and Bilston had been famed for their steel.

A third brother, John, joined the company and the three commuted between Bilston and Sheffield, sleeping in the office twice a week.

The company outgrew the Sheffield mill and the family relocated everything to the Black Country, renting new premises at Stourbridge on the disused site of Weldall Engineering on Old Wharf Road.

Within weeks they were breaking production records reaching 130 tons a week compared to a best of 100 tons in Sheffield.

Involves

A second shift was started, creating eight jobs and allowing work to go on seven days a week.

The company continued to grow to employ 35 people and reach a yearly turnover of £3 million. In 1993 the company bought its 140,000 sq ft site in Spring Road, Ettingshall.

The firm was bought by a consortium of steel traders in 2006 and today produces 651 different sections.

The firm employs 40 people and 60 per cent of its production involves exports.

It produces 4,500 tons of shaped steel a year and now boasts an annual turnover of £4.75 million. Staff work with steel at around 1000C, delicately and carefully moving glowing hot metal between sets of rolls.

By comparison, today's modern, fully automated, continuous rolling mills are designed for large, high volume production runs where size changing and set up time is slow, expensive and therefore, prohibitive. Works manager Mike Guest said: "Our tongsmen have to skillfully move the metal between the rolls.

"They might have to move it at 90 degree angles, 100 degrees or 87 degrees depending on what it's for. That level of precision would be very difficult to replicate with a machine."

Competition is growing in the Far East but the firm has continued to keep afloat. Mr Guest said: "It's down to every single person working together." He added: "Like everyone else is finding, times are tough but we are managing to keep our heads above water by finding niche markets. We make hundreds of different shapes and sizes."

Traditional industry – Billy George at work at Legg Brothers, which is celebrating its 30th year

Legg Brothers, one of the few remaining metal factories using traditional hot rolling methods

A film crew has been recording the factory in action

Film

Some of Legg's workers are starring in a documentary film to be shown at the Cannes Film Festival. They have commissioned a film crew to make the showcase which they intend to show at the Cannes Film Festival in France next summer.

Bill Pinchers, aged 54, who works as a tongsman, said: "I think the secret of the company's success is diversity."

Pat McFadden, MP for Wolverhampton South East, said: "Companies like Legg Brothers show there's still a future in making things."

Anyone who can help sponsor the film is asked to call Mr Pinchers on 07507 108450.

Buses go back to normal as work ends

BUS services connecting Staffordshire and Wolverhampton returned to normal this week following months of roadworks along a busy main route.

The Arriva Midlands service 70, which runs from Cannock through Bridgtown, Cheslyn Hay and Featherstone to The Scotlands and Fallings Park in Wolverhampton, has operated an emergency alternative route since last summer.

The project, carried out by Staffordshire County Council, was along the A460 Cannock Road in Featherstone.

Passengers were be able to catch the bus at their old stops once more from Monday, with the same timetable reinstated.

Delays

Arriva Midlands spokesman Keith Myatt said the changes were introduced as an urgent measure after passengers suffered severe delays when work started.

"We were forced to introduce an emergency timetable and route as soon as we knew the roadworks were causing serious delays to service 70," he said.

"We know our customers understood that the delays were beyond our control and thank them for being patient."

The works had been due to finish at the end of last month, but were delayed due to heavy rainfall affecting the ground conditions.

Businesses on the route reported plummeting trade due to long tailbacks.

Woman, 92, is mugged

A 92-YEAR-OLD woman was taken to hospital after being pushed to the floor by a thief who snatched a £20 note from her in Wolverhampton.

She was walking along Owen Road, Penn Fields, when she was targeted by the robber at about 7pm on Thursday on last week.

She was taken to hospital where she was checked over and discharged.

The attacker was described as a mixed race man, 5ft 2ins, wearing waterproof clothing.

DC Tom McGillen said: "Thankfully the lady was not seriously hurt but was still extremely shaken."

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Lifeguard charged on death

Kelly Woods

A LIFEGUARD has appeared in court accused of failing to take reasonable care of a young boy who drowned and other pool users at Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre.

Kelly Woods, aged 30, spoke only to confirm her name and date of birth when she appeared at the city's magistrates court last week.

The case was brought by the Health & Safety Executive following the death of Suraj Mall on February 10, 2008.

Villiers Primary School pupil Suraj, of Pembroke Avenue, Priestfield, Wolverhampton, got into difficulties at the £12 million centre during a family outing. He was pronounced dead at New Cross Hospital. His father Nirmal Mall, a landscape gardener, released a tribute after the tragedy in which he described his son as "daddy's little helper".

Woods, of Woodland Avenue, Tettenhall Wood, is charged with having failed to take reasonable care of the safety of users of the pool, including but not limited to Suraj Mall while on duty as a lifeguard.

She was released to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on June 19.

Invitation to concert

WOLVERHAMPTON'S new mayor wants people to join her for a Diamond Jubilee concert next Tuesday.

Councillor Christine Mills hosts a 7pm performance by The Marston Singers in her Wolverhampton mayoral suite. Proceeds go to charities – Compton Hospice, Wolverhampton Samaritans and Help for Heroes.

She said: "The Marston Singers will be demonstrating their fabulous vocals."

Tickets cost £5 and include an interval glass of wine. Places must be booked by emailing themayor@wolverhampton.gov.uk or call 01902 554090 or 554091.

Through the keyhole of £200m super jail

WITH its bright and spacious corridors and rooms with a desk,the building could easily be mistaken for a university halls of residence.

But while inmates at South Staffordshire's new £200 million HMP Oakwood prison are enjoying the most luxurious jail in the country, there are no luxuries about the rules of incarceration.

Prisoners are locked up as they are in any other jail and they will also be made to work as close to a 40-hour week as possible.

What they do have, however, is the facilities to help give them a better chance of rehabilitation than other prisons.

The clean but basic cells are fitted with individual showers and the majority with a telephone that will allow inmates to contact family and friends. Facilities also include six five-a-side sports pitches and one full-sized all weather pitch.

There is a huge gym containing treadmills, cycles, rowing machines and cross trainers, as well as a four-court sports hall that has basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton and football facilities.

And inmates will be encouraged to grow their own vegetables in allotments while prison bosses are also hoping to get celebrity gardeners in to help boost horticulture courses.

Ten workshops at the jail will help employ, educate and train prisoners so they have the skills to succeed when they are released.

Trust

Director Steve Holland, a former police officer, said: "If a prisoner can leave jail for a job, home and settled family life, they are 50 per cent less likely to re-offend.

"It's not about making it nice for prisoners but there's lots of things we can do to help them, like mentoring.

"We need to build trust with prisoners. If a member of staff tells a prisoner he will do something, he must do it to gain their trust and respect."

The move to install telephones in cells has been controversial, but Mr Holland explained that calls are paid for by inmates and will be monitored.

And he also added that it would help reduce the risk of phones being smuggled in, as well as the potential for conflict between prisoners queuing to use the phone.

Hopes fading for scheme to revive Sunbeam factory site

LESS than a century ago, thousands of staff worked at Wolverhampton's thriving Sunbeam motor factory, which shipped its goods all around the world.

Now, the site off Penn Road island has fallen into decay and a redevelopment plan has stalled amid struggles to find funding. The building is one end of what used to be an enormous complex, Sunbeamland, and was the centre of manufacture for Sunbeam bicycles and motorbikes at the start of the 20th century.

By Charlotte Cross

Thousands of workers were employed at the 1890-built factory in its heyday, making it one of the region's biggest employers.

Last-ditch attempts are being made to get Goovernment funding for the Urban Splash scheme.

But company director nathan Cornish said: "The situation is very difficiult."

One of the company's largest achievements included producing the car which broke the world land-speed record at Daytona Beach in Florida in 1927 after hitting an incredible 203.79mph.

Sunbeam closed in 1936 and Associated Motor Cycles took over the site in 1937, manufacturing radiators at the factory.

Production finished in 1999 with the loss of 60 jobs. In 2009, the site was snapped up by Manchester-based Urban Splash, which was also behind the Fort Dunlop development in Birmingham.

The purchase raised hopes the building could once again become a focal point for the city. But with the developer short of cash to get the project off the ground, bosses admitted today it could be years before the steel shutters are torn down and work can begin to breathe new life into the old factory.

Permission was granted in March last year for phase one of the proposals that would see an iconic entrance to the courtyard created.

A 62-space car park would replace wasteland at the front of the building in Paul Street, and a pedestrian walkway would be installed. Wolverhampton Civic and Historical Society member and former secretary Steve Martin said the delays to the project were "very sad."

"It's a great shame that this building, and so many others like it, are allowed to be left to rot," said Mr Martin, aged 59, of Upper Vauxhall, Wolverhampton. I would like to see the Sunbeam building listed. It is of great historical significance to Wolverhampton and I think it deserves to be listed."

School wins selection

OUR Lady and St Chad Catholic Sports College in Fallings Park, Wolverhampton, has been selected as a Get Set school as part of the Olympic celebrations. The Old Fallings Lane secondary will now help other schools get involved in the preparations by hosting lantern workshops, sports days and dance contests. More than 580 schools applied for selection.

Tenors Joe Johnson, of Bilston, left, and Robert Follows, of Cannock, with The Children's Society fundraiser Hilda Cuxson before the charity concert

Celebrations lined up to mark jubilee

HUNDREDS of people are expected to take to the streets of Bilston for a parade and fun day as part of a free celebration event in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

People dressed in red, white and blue and an array of costumes from throughout her reign will set off from Bilston Methodist Church, heading for Bilston Town Hall.

There, visitors armed with a picnic can take part in the Big Jubilee Lunch celebration with live music and singing, dance and drama. BBC WM presenter Daz Hale will be broadcasting live from the event.

The parade will set off from the church in Lewis Street at 12.30pm on June 3 and will head along Bow Street, Lichfield Street and Church Street. Activities start at 1pm. Tickets are free and can be pre-ordered from the town hall on 01902 497222.

There will be a family fun day at Wellington Road Nursery, City of Wolverhampton College, between 11am and 3pm on Saturday.

Meanwhile 95-year-old Hilda Cuxson, from Penn, has helped to organise a jubilee concert at St John's Church in the Square on May 29.

There will be performances from The Tenors – Bilston and Cannock-based due Joe Johnson and Robert Follows – and 16-year-old saxophone player Richi Jones – with money raised going to The Children's Society.

Mrs Cuxson said: "I'm no longer involved with the charity in an official capacity but I still retain my support for it as it does some wonderful work."

Tickets are priced £7, are available by calling 01902 491271 or 01902 342924.

Lone

A beacon at Wolverhampton's West Park will be one of hundreds lit over the country on June 4.

Wolverhampton Civic Halls and Banks's Brewery have organised an enormous summertime bonfire party.

Rastamouse and Peppa Pig will be putting in appearances.

As the sun sets, a lone guitarist will take to the skies to play the national anthem in the style of Queen's Bryan May. At 10pm, the evening will conclude with fireworks. Entry is £5 for adults and £2.50 for under 16s. Gates open at 5.30pm.

NEWS in brief

Paddling pool set to reopen

ONE of Wolverhampton's most popular summertime attractions will reopen to the public on Saturday. Severn Trent spent last week pumping thousands of gallons of water into Tettenhall Green Pool.

The water is now being safety tested and, all being well, the paddling pool will be open to the thousands of people who flockthere every year.

The Wolverhampton City Council is working to open East Park Pool in time for the Diamond Jubilee weekend.

Concert tickets all go in a Blur

TICKETS for Blur's gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall sold out in just over two hours on Friday.

The Britpop favourites are playing two intimate warm-up shows in the city on August 5 and 6.

Tickets went on sale at 9am and had all been sold by 11.20am, according to Civic Hall spokesman Jonn Penney. A limited number were sold from Midland Box Office, Queen Square, with people queuing from around 8am.

Seven-day rota for hospital

PLANS by hospital bosses in Wolverhampton to introduce a seven-day rota to help cut weekend death rates have been approved.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Hospitals Trust, which runs New Cross Hospital, has been highlighted as suffering one of the country's highest death rates at weekends compared to weekdays. The equivalent of 8.2 new full-time consultants will now be recruited.

Support for bras appeal growing

SUPPORT has been pouring in for a Wolverhampton charity as part of its mission to collect bras to help women in Africa.

The Wolverhampton Soroptimists have been hunting through their drawers to help Oxfam's Big Bra Hunt, which aims to collect one million bras.

Soroptimist Pat Dainty said: "It's been a lot of fun collecting the bras knowing they will help a good cause." The group has so far dug out more than 100.

Pensioners' call

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To Ted it's so much more than just a paper round

As we celebrate Local Newspaper Week we talk to Ted Adams about his weekly Chronicle round

TO MOST people doing a paper round may seem like a normal everyday activity. But for teenager Ted Adams, who three years ago was diagnosed with a brain tumour, it's far more than that.

Now aged 15, Ted underwent two major operations at Birmingham Children's Hospital and received proton radiotherapy treatment in America.

The Royal Wolverhampton School pupil has since received three positive brain scans and, as part of his bid to lead as normal a life as possible, took up a paper round delivering The Chronicle last October.

Prayer

Ted is just one of the many delivery boys and girls throughout the region who, whatever the weather, take the news to your door.

Ted gives up two hours of his time to deliver 170 newspapers every Friday, as well as the Wolverhampton Magazine once a month, around Penn Common.

"I hadn't really thought about doing something like this but when the opportunity came up I thought it'd be great," Ted said.

"It makes me feel independent as I make some money from it and it's good to do normal things like this after the problems I had."

Ted is currently sitting his GCSEs and hopes to study catering at Wolverhampton College in September.

Ted's parents Ashleigh and David said seeing their son do the paper round meant a lot to them.

"It is every prayer answered that Ted is strong and well and able to do a paper round," Ashleigh said. "It keeps him fit, gives him responsibility, teaches a good work ethic and he enjoys earning a bit of money which gives him a sense of independence.

Off on his round – Ted with his proud mother Ashleigh

"It's also given him confidence and that's been really important. For us it is far more than just delivering papers – it represents Ted leading a normal teenage life."

Local Newspaper Week is an ideal opportunity time for us to pay tribute to all the hard-working boys and girls who take our news to the door every week.

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Gina loves her Chronicle fix

SHE is a community person who knows all there is to know about Wolverhampton, but Gina Parker isn't happy unless she's had her weekly Chronicle fix.

The Finchfield resident has been reading the paper for as long as she can remember and said it fitted in with her fervent passion for the city.

Gina, who used to work at Boulton Paul and as a teacher at Sandwell College, is an active community resident who is involved in an over 50s forum and the older people's partnership board.

Information

"I'm very passionate about Wolverhampton – I've lived here all my life and if you chopped my legs off it'd say Wolverhampton all the way through," she said.

"I think the Chronicle represents the city very well. There is so much to learn about in Wolverhampton and there are lots of local activities you don't necessarily get to hear about unless you see it in the paper. I see things I might not have seen otherwise. It might only be a small piece but it's enough to give the information that it's out there."

Gina enjoys her weekly read

Gina said she looked forward to her Chronicle particularly for the Memory Lane feature.

"I love the Memory Lane page and the thing that's probably most useful is the television timetable," she added. "I value local news very highly, as a lot of people do, and I'd really miss the paper if it wasn't there."

WHERE CHRONICLES GO

Publication	Distribution /Circulation	Readership
Wolverhampton Chronicle	57,560	85,615
Dudley Chronicle	39,653	59,201
Halesowen Chronicle	28,773	48,897
Kidderminster Chronicle	31,294	42,543
Stourbridge Chronicle	40,827	62,412
Walsall Chronicle	52,773	83,012
Sandwell Chronicle	48,762	78,711
Cannock Chronicle	61,463	90,581

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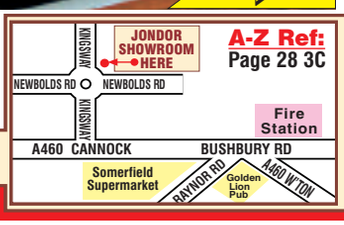

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MP's call for action over crash for cash scam

AN MP has called on car insurance companies to properly investigate claims after it emerged a crash-for-cash con was sweeping the region.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson branded the practice disgusting and said he would be raising the matter with Government bosses.

Crime gangs are sending drivers out on to the roads to deliberately get people to smash into them. They are then making whiplash claims through their own bogus No Win, No Fee insurance firms.

Failure

Mr Williamson said he would raise the issue with Government's transport secretary, Justine Greening.

"I think this sort of criminality is disgusting and that there is a failure on the part of insurance companies who are not properly checking claims because it is easier and cheaper to pay rather than contest," Mr Williamson said.

"Companies have a legal duty to make sure they are checking claims."

According to latest figures, there were 30,000 crash-for-cash crimes last year and the West Midlands was the worst-hit region.

The cost of the claims added an average of £44 onto the insurance premiums of drivers.

Reading help appeal

A CHARITY that aims to improve the reading skills of children is seeking volunteers to go into schools across the Black Country.

Volunteer Reading Help wants people to go into primary schools in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley. Details on 0121 3586043 or 07841 504419.

Going Loco for new beer

Gary Morton and Ian Stringer brewing up beer Going Loco

IT was all hands to the pump when members of the Wolverhampton branch of the Campaign for Real Ale decided to make their own brew.

Chairman Ian Stringer, aged 45, from East Park explained: "After years of drinking beer we thought it would be a good idea to produce some ourselves.

"It was great fun but I have to admit that the procedure was a lot more complex than I had imagined."

Eight Camra members have produced 720 pints of their own real ale called Going Loco which will be ready for supping in time for the Wolverhampton beer festival at the Wulfrun Hall on June 14.

Its name acknowledges that this year is the 50th anniversary of the announcement of the closure of the Stafford Road railway works and its alcohol level of 3.7 per cent records the fact that this will be the 37th Wolverhampton beer festival.

The beer was made at the Morton Brewery in Essington under the watchful eye of boss Gary Morton and it will go on sale from June 1.

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Proud of my amazing Staffie

WE have been Staffie owners for over 20 years. By we, I mean my husband and myself. We are a successful working couple who live in the Penn area of Wolverhampton.

Unfortunately the Stafford has experienced a lot of bad press which has had a knock on affect in these dogs looking for new homes.

I can honestly say like other Staffie owners I am getting just a little bit sick and tired of ignorant comments. We are not Barmy!

We are not looking for street cred but, we are family owners of a wonderful breed of dog. To those not an animal lover is such a shame. You are missing an awful lot of unconditional love. But I'm not here to judge you, you, however you feel you can judge me! And my amazing Staffie.

S JOHNSON
Wolverhampton

It's breeders who should have licence

I HAVE been reading with interest the letters about dogs. There is one aspect no-one has taken up.

A dog's life begins with the breeder of whom there are good and bad. Breeders do not have to have a licence and are not responsible to anyone.

All breeders should have to have a licence and be subject to strict regular inspections by an authoritative body.

Perhaps then inappropriate breeding procedures would cease, allowing healthy, well-behaved dogs to be born, and live.

P A VAN DER VALK
Bradmore

No need for this Metro extension

I'M no way a planner, but I am bemused by the planned extension to the Metro system and ask why has the Metro got to go down Market Street/Princess Street?

Why not just go down Pipers Row into the station? The distance from St George's to the station is less than a quarter of a mile. Anyone wanting to catch the tram from Princess Street has less than 300 yards to walk and less from Market Street.

A shuttle bus could run from St George's around the proposed route at little cost. What is the need for this tram route? Queen Street, Tower Street etc, are easy access for pedestrians to the bus and rail station and easy access to Pipers Row.

The new bridge over the ring road to the station should have been built to take the tram and pedestrians anyway. These planners, politicians who favour Euro methods, should know tram and pedestrians share the same thoroughfare in most Euro cities.

MR D GRIFFITHS
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BRIDGE CORNER

MINOR SUIT slams are hard to bid because Three No Trumps is such a temptation. Any bidding sequence that bypasses Three No Trumps, such as Four Clubs, is a game force and a mild slam invitation.

As you can see, on this hand Three No Trumps doesn't work as the defence can take the first five tricks.

North devalues his hand, because the singleton king of spades looks to have no chance in the teeth of East's spade bid, and bids a gentle Three Clubs.

Now that a club fit has been found, South's hand is enormous. As Four Clubs is a game force, South may as well bid Five Clubs. He can't rule out an unlikely Six Clubs, so the bid also gives North the option to press on. North chickened out.

North: ♠ K ♥ A63 ♦ AK1093 ♣ QJ94

West: ♠ J84 ♥ J752 ♦ J8765 ♣ 8

East: ♠ AQ963 ♥ KQ84 ♦ Q4 ♣ 52

South: ♠ 10752 ♥ 109 ♦ 2 ♣ AK10763

As the cards lie, Six Clubs looks as though it can make, just losing a spade.

Declarer should cross-ruff spades and diamonds, with South's losing heart slung on the king of diamonds.

HOW THE BIDDING WENT

N	E	S	W
1D	1S	2C	P
3C	P	4C	P
5C	P	P	P

Winners: Three spade ruffs, ace of hearts, ace and king of diamonds, six trump winners in hand.

Loser: King of spades.

Tip: Count your winners and losers before you play the hand. Take time to do this at the beginning and you will play the hand far more quickly overall.

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Visit the Wolverhampton Bridge Club website, www.bridgewebs.com/wolverhampton *– Jenny*

Louise looks back 50 years

FROM the Low Level Station in Wolverhampton, to the Grammar School in Compton Road.

From the Civic Hall to Heath Town and Wednesfield. In fact, everywhere Her Majesty's smile was seen. More than 100,000 West Midlanders made it a day to remember all their lives. And the children, well they just couldn't believe it.

A breathless hush in the Civic Hall...

Never before in the 24 years and 12 days history of Wolverhampton's mighty Civic Hall had there been such a wonderful atmosphere. As the Queen entered the Civic Hall, a breathless hush hovered around the vast array of tables.

In the very same hall that championships have been won and lost, motions carried and defeated, just over 400 people dined with Her Majesty. Throughout the meal the Queen chatted freely with the Mayor of Wolverhampton Alderman Malcolm Birch, and the Recorder of Wolverhampton Mr M King-Hamilton QC.

Molineux crowds gathered

More than 25,000, many of them schoolchildren, packed into the Molineux to give the Queen a truly great Wulfrunian welcome.

The Queen was at Molineux to present a Guidon to the Staffordshire Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal Regiment) and new colours to the 5th Battalion The South Staffordshire Regiment (TA) and the 5th/6th Battalion The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's TA)

A brief, but fine stop

What a royal welcome the people of Wednesfield gave the Queen. From the moment her car was spotted coming along through Heath Town to the moment she arrived in Wednesfield town centre, the cheers gathered in momentum.

The Queen with Mr C B Spurgin, senior science master at the Grammar School

Carol Ann Burns of Wednesfield, presents her bouquet to the Queen

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Taxman backs down over £500k headstone VAT bill

A CASH-STRAPPED council has won an appeal against a VAT demand which would have left taxpayers footing a bill of almost £500,000.

Wolverhampton City Council has been in dispute with HM Revenue & Customs over valued added tax on the supply of memorial headstones at its cemeteries.

Council chiefs had argued it should not have to pay. If the money been paid it would have further added to financial pressures at a time when it is being forced to make millions of pounds of cuts.

Councils are exempt from paying VAT when transactions are made in order to meet the duties they have to carry out by law. But the taxman notified the council last December that it was owed £479,000 because it felt the council was not entitled to relief on the supply of memorials.

Convincing

Customs had claimed that where councils were running business activities they had to pay VAT in the same way as a commercial business, otherwise they have an unfair advantage over private competitors. The council had maintained that the provision of cemeteries was a statutory function required by law and that there was no competition from the private sector, making it exempt .

It has emerged however, that HMRC has now informed the council that it has changed its decision and the council will no longer have to repay the money.

Councillor Andrew Johnson, Wolverhampton City Council's cabinet member for resources, welcomed the change of heart.

He said: "We made a strong and ultimately convincing case to HMRC that VAT did not apply in this case because providing cemeteries is a statutory function."

One of three Lib Dems quits council group

ONE of only three Liberal Democrat councillors in Wolverhampton has resigned from the group and will sit as an independent Liberal.

Councillor Richard Whitehouse will continue as a member of the Liberal Democrat party but is refusing to work with his two colleagues on Wolverhampton City Council, Councillors Mike Heap and Malcolm Gwinnett.

All three represent the Spring Vale ward and Councillor Whitehouse successfully defended his seat in the elections earlier this month.

But he also raised concerns over the appointment of Tory councillor Christine Mills as Mayor of Wolverhampton in place of ousted Penn councillor Paddy Bradley, claiming the role should go to the councillor with the longest service.

Out of the opposition parties, Councillor Whitehouse is the longest-serving.

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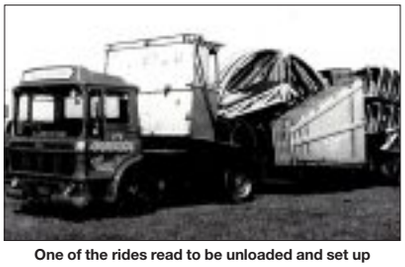
One of the Jones's old lorries which was used to transport the fair rides

Sandra Jones wife of David with their children

One of the Jones's funfair wagons bringing the rides to site

Lisa Jones, wife of Matthew Jones with their children



One of the rides read to be unloaded and set up

Keeping up with the Jones's is proving a fair attraction

THERE may be no business like show business but the fairground, once the realm of the imagination, took its public on a fantastical voyage – 100 years before the invention of television.

Giants, dwarves, exotic animals, strongmen and bearded ladies would set up for a week on a piece of waste ground and provide entertainment to those who might never go on holiday.

The name Jones was synonymous with fairgrounds in the Black Country. In 1974, after the death of his father Ernest, David Jones took up the mantle and became the new "Guv'nor" of Jones's Fair. David inherited four grounds and soon acquired 18 more.

He also restored some of the old grounds the family had lost. David travelled around the West Midlands with waltzers, twisters and dodgems.

A showman to the core, David would arrive in his purple Jaguar, towing a 52ft purple caravan. Cherise Jones said:" My father Matthew grew up on my granddad's fairground. They used to travel from March to November and had winter quarters in Cradley Heath. It was tough getting started in this business but my granddad would always find space for someone travelling with a ride. "

MEMORY LANE

by Black Country Living Museum's Fiona Carding

Travelling

David Jones's energy found a new purpose when it became possible to permanently present an "old tyme fair" at Black Country Living Museum. The fairground opened in 1983 and was based on a typical 1930s travelling fair. Over the following years David painstakingly collected and restored the rides, first introducing swing boats and chair-o-planes and then arcade machines including a Test Your Strength machine and What the Butler Saw.

Now the fairground comprises the traditional sideshows such as coconut shy, hall of mirrors and shooting stalls, a cakewalk, a slip, swing boats and an Ark Speedway.

Cherise Jones said: "The fairground at the Museum represents 20 years of my granddad's life. He was very proud of it."

On 2 April 2008 David Jones died leaving three children and 14 grandchildren. More than 1,000 fairground folk attended the funeral, at St John's Church, Cradley, for the man known as "the fairground owner with the kindest heart".

The fourth and fifth generation of the Jones family have stepped forward and Matthew Jones, now "Guv'nor", has picked up the mantle, preserving a way of life that is near extinction, Matthew, his mother Sandra, his wife Lisa, and their six children Cherise, Licia, Rio, Shannon, Luke and Matty, enter the 21st century with all the pizzazz of the showman.

David Jones with grandchild

"Guv'nor" Ernest Jones

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Extra school places as birth rates on increase

MORE than 160 extra school places will be created across Wolverhampton and Dudley next year to cope with rising birth rates.

The majority of additional spaces are being offered in Wolverhampton, with schools adding a total of 95 places in September 2013.

In Wolverhampton, Villiers Primary, Eastfield Primary, Bilston Primary, St Andrew's Primary, Northwood Park Primary and Wilkinson Primary, will all be taking on extra pupils.

There will also be 15 extra places offered at Coppice Performing Arts School, which is currently having a full refurbishment costing £17.5 million.

Demand

Dudley Council has set aside 65 extra places to cope with growing demand. It comes after education bosses at Staffordshire County Council said they were offering at least 25 extra spaces next year, with the number set to rise.

Education bosses at Sandwell Council are also currently in talks to create extra places next September. Walsall has no plans. Extra places have been created due to an increase in births and a growing population through immigration.

Across Dudley, seven unnamed primary schools have been identified to help with the growing demand.

Tuning up for charity

A CHARITY gig is being held at a nightspot in Wolverhampton on Saturday (26).

Wolverhampton bands and musicians including Zelig, Timothy Parkes and Rob Fellows will appear at Numa Bar, in North Street, from 8pm to raise cash for Macmillan Cancer Support. To support event visit the website: **www.justgiving.com/Kerie-McGoldrick**

Head start to fundraising

Hats off to Mark Winwood, Sandra Buxton, Adam Hodson, Sarah McIntyre, Lara Wilkes, Susan Todhunter and Susan Poole

STAFF at the Wolverhampton and Willenhall offices of a law firm have been wearing fancy dress hats to work this week to raise money for a national brain injury charity.

FBC Manby Bowdler collects cash for Headway, the charity which helps people to rebuild their lives following brain injury.

More than 20 people working in the personal injury department were due to don the eye-catching hats. The Hats for Headway Day is part of Brain Injury Week, designed to raise awareness of brain injury and its consequences, not just for the people injured but also for their families.

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1D among headliners for 30-night festival

CHART-TOPPERS One Direction and rock idol Jack White are among headliners for the iTunes Festival later this year.

One Direction will play on September 20 as a range of acts perform more than 30 consecutive nights of free shows at London's Roundhouse. Harry Styles from One Direction, which also stars Wolverhampton-born Liam Payne, said: "We can't wait to see our fans at the festival."

Former White Stripes frontman White makes his debut in his own right on September 8.

The events will be streamed live online.

Prison nurse is struck off after kissing ex-inmate

A PRISON nurse from Wolverhampton who began a relationship with a man who was jailed for knife possession has been struck off.

Emma Heffernan-Stone, aged 27, repeatedly kissed and cuddled the man during a three-week relationship after he had been released from prison and was undergoing treatment at a rehab clinic.

A number of charges against her, including sending inappropriate text messages, were proven at a Nursing and Midwifery Council hearing. But she was cleared of a host of more serious accusations, including taking the former prisoner to her house and bedding him.

Allegations that she declared her love for him and said she was prepared to lie about his drug test results were also dismissed.

In total, 25 of the 42 charges she faced, relating to her time with the Wolverhampton Primary Care Trust's prison liaison team between April and May 2009, were found not proved.

Standards

Heffernan-Stone did not attend the misconduct hearing in central London but admitted the relationship during an internal investigation.

She said there had been some kissing in a work session, but denied there was any sexual element to it.

Delivering the panel's findings, chairman David Kyle said: "She abused her position of power in the nurse-client relationship. These breaches and the facts found proved represent substantial departures from the standards expected of a registered nurse and amount to serious misconduct.

In written correspondence, Heffernan-Stone made it clear she has no desire to continue practising.

25 years on Ned's back with Cool first for fans

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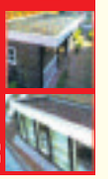

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Prize rocks for Elvis fanatic

Striking a pose with some of his many Elvis costumes

Some of the memorabilia at Gordon's home

Rocking and rolling aged four

THE quiff, the sparkly jumpsuits and the curled lip – there is no mistaking the inspiration in this Bilston household.

Gordon Elvis lives and breathes all things Elvis Presley. And he has been impersonating his idol since the tender age of four. Now, the 28-year-old is All Shook Up after winning the chance to live a lifelong dream by visiting Graceland, home of the King.

Gordon, who did not want to reveal his original birth name, is the owner of 35 different outfits in the style of the King, ranging from 1950s leather to his latter day sequin jumpsuits.

He moved from his native Malta to Tamworth and then Bilston three years ago to become a full-time impersonator. He had spent a number of years on his home island singing from time to time in hotels and bars.

"The work is very different there," he said. "It's a small island so it would only really be for the tourists. A guy in a karaoke bar was saying I should impersonate Elvis for a living and I thought, why not?

Opportunity

"In 2009 I decided to come to the UK and I competed in a contest in Porthcawl in Wales. I won that and I decided I would stay and see how it went."

Gordon left behind his job as adelivery driver in Malta to live full-time in England.

He said: "There's more of an opportunity over here. I've just started out with a band now as well. I'd normally work with a backing track before."

Gordon, who as just won the People's Choice category at the Images of the King contest in Porthcawl in South Wales, beating 25 other Elvis imitators, puts his obsession down to his parents.

"I grew up listening to Elvis," he said. "When I was three years old I would listen to him and my leg would start shaking in time to the music. "

His prize in the Images of the King contest is a trip to Memphis in Tennessee to compete in the Ultimate Elvis contest, during Elvis Week in August.

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Wolves owner Morgan builds up Redrow stake

WOLVES owner Steve Morgan has built up his stake in his Redrow building business to 40 per cent after a low take-up of the company's £80 million share issue.

Redrow revealed that just 26.3 per cent of the 130p shares had been taken by subscribers. The fund-raising effort is to build up a war chest to buy more sites, particularly in London which has become a major source of growth for the housebuilder.

Mr Morgan's investment company Bridgemere Securities acted as underwriter to the share offer and has acquired the remaining 34.1 million shares, increasing the Redrow founder's stake in the business from 29.2 per cent to 40.4 per cent.

Medical staff to practise on dummies at new SimWard

A £550,000 simulation ward which will allow trainee medical staff to practise on robot mannequin patients has been set up at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital – the first of its kind in the Black Country.

Medical students and junior doctors will be able to practise the management of critical incidents and emergencies using the dummies. The new facility is called SimWard and bosses say will "deliver training in a realistic and immersive environment".

Dummies lie on stretchers dressed in hospital gowns with various equipment around them as it would be on a normal hospital ward.

The ward includes piped smells as well as blackouts and power failures to put staff through their paces and get them to practise emergency scenarios.

Nuclear

Other features include a control room, fixed and tilt cameras and a separate debrief room.

Staff can be watched and recorded and then watch their efforts back with tutors to discuss how they can improve.

The facility works in a similar way to training in airline and nuclear industries which also use dummies for emergencies.

Costs have been met from three charitable funds at the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust.

Life size dolls costing more than £40,000 each have been bought. They have internal organs including lungs as well as a pulse and can be programmed to talk, blink and cry.

New firm hopes to clean up on business

A NEW business offering domestic cleaning and home helps has been launched in Wolverhampton.

The new branch of franchised operation Diamond Home Support has been started by former West Midlands police community support officer Khalid Akhtar and his wife Adila.

The business is operating from a shop in Bridgnorth Road and 10 staff have been taken on initially.

It covers the Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire area and offers cleaning, ironing, laundry and shopping help.

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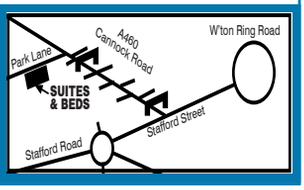

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New £800k health drive to tackle city alcoholism

A MAJOR new £800,000 health drive has been launched in Wolverhampton to tackle alcohol problems.

The alcohol treatment service has been set up after it emerged booze kills more than 40 people in the city each year and affects the lives of tens of thousands more.

The Single Point of Contact (SPOC) service is already getting 30 calls a week from doctors. Project co-ordinator Rishi Sahota said: "I have been amazed by the size of the alcohol problem in Wolverhampton. I knew it was large but never dreamed that it would be this big."

Identify

Wolverhampton has more than 9,000 alcoholics and the abuse of drink in the city is estimated to cost a staggering £19 million a year. It is the third biggest killer in terms of premature death, with double the national alcohol mortality rate.

There are also more than 41,000 people drinking more than the recommended amount with a further 34,500 binge drinkers. The SPOC service makes it easier to get alcohol treatment through a 24-hour phone line. It offers a wide range of services to deal with different levels of alcohol problems.

Two nurses specially trained in the treatment of alcohol abuse are now also on hand at New Cross Hospital to identify patients with drink problems and help them.

Contact the service on 0300 200 2400.

Blue Peter live in West Park

Blue Peter's Helen Skelton and Barney Harwood will be in the city

CHILDREN'S programme Blue Peter will be in Wolverhampton's West Park when the Olympic Torch visits the city,

Presenters Helen Skelton and Barney Harwood will be in the park on June 30 to host Blue Peter's Big Olympic Tour. The free event from 9am takes place as the Torch Relay enters the city.

In the morning before the event opens, there will be a live Blue Peter outside broadcast from West Park at 9am. To apply for tickets online, go to bbc.co.uk/bluepeter or call 0370 901 1227, by June 16 at 10pm.

Cycle club cash appeal

A CYCLE speedway club in Wolverhampton is seeking sponsorship and more members.

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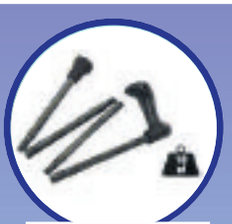

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AN investigation has been launched into the cause of an accident in which a lorry overturned and shed a load of scrap metal on the M6, sparking a 20-hour clean-up.

Huge tailbacks built up on the motorway between Walsall and Wolverhampton and drivers were stuck in 10-mile queues for up to two-and-a-half hours, with traffic backed up from junction 10 at Walsall to Spaghetti Junction.

Queues

The lorry belonged to Birmingham-based company JR Foster. A 200-yard stretch of the hard shoulder on the M6 was closed overnight but the motorway fully reopened the next day. Following the recent accident, congestion also affected the M5, with a three-mile tailback to West Bromwich as drivers queued to get on to the M6.

Queues also formed on the A454 Wolverhampton Road through The Keyway and beyond the Lunt island and, in the opposite direction, along the Black Country Route into Bilston and Dudley. There was also some congestion on Wolverhampton Road West to Willenhall and Bentley and on B roads as drivers sought alternative routes.

Stepping out for Jubilee

TICKETS are on sale for a special Queen's Jubilee ball at Pattingham Village Hall.

It takes place on Saturday June 2 from 7pm. Entertainment will come from jazz band The Gershwin Gang and there will be a three-course meal, licensed bar and dinner dance. For tickets (£30), call 01902 700962 or 01902 700586.

Hair-raising challenge

Preparing for charity fundraiser are (front) Jodie Mason and Kim Owen, with staff Hayley Walters and Ashleigh Price

THE sky will be the limit for hairdressers Jodie Mason and Kim Owen when they try a reverse bungee jump for charity.

The intrepid duo will be catapulted more than 200ft into the air. The hair-raising feat will be in aid of the baby unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital where Sam Spear, the son of one of Jodie's friends, was successfully treated.

The boy, now aged five, officially opened Salon 27 in Wakeley Hill, Penn, Wolverhampton, for owner Jodie when it was launched two years ago.

Jodie and her 26-year-old senior stylist Kim will be catapulted into the air in a safety capsule alongside a giant telescopic tower in the sponsored event at the Bradmore Arms in Trysull Road on June 10.

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Kelvin's goal no longer just a dream

Kelvin Brittain in action

Kelvin stepping out onto the pitch at Molineux with fellow officials

Dedicated fan – Kelvin at Molineux

Kelvin shakes hands with the team members before the kick off

SINCE he was a boy, Kelvin Brittain has sat in the stands at Molineux watching his favourite team and wishing he could join them on the pitch.

And the 56-year-old's lifelong dream came true recently when he walked out onto the Wolverhampton Wanderers turf for the game of his life – as a referee assistant.

Kelvin, from Collingwood Road, Bushbury, has been a football referee for 26 years and works for amateur football leagues including the Bilston Youth and Partnership League and Midland Junior Premier League.

He recently refereed in the Ted Baker Cup final at Molineux for the Wolverhampton and District Football Combination league.

Nervous

"That game really was the icing on the cake as I have been a lifelong Wolves fan," says Kelvin, who is married to Lynne and has two children, David, 26 and Katy, 19.

Before the match I was excited and nervous, but I kept thinking that it has been my dream to be down on the pitch for once, rather than up in the stands."

Kelvin, an Express & Star security guard, grew up in Heath Town and says he started out playing football in the street before joined a league after leaving Deansfield High School.

"Like most youngsters I dreamed of being a footballer for Wolves," he says. "I'd loved playing football at school. We used to get a coach with our teacher to Dunstall Park to play there."

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£13m shops plan hit by struggle to enlist retailers

PLANS for a £13 million shopping development at a main gateway into Wolverhampton have stalled as developers struggle to get retailers on board, it has emerged.

Under the plans, two new 7,500sq ft stores and two 10,000sq ft shops would transform the derelict former Metal Castings Ltd site off Penn Road. Talks with potential tenants to take on the units have dragged on for months – and bosses at developers Cranford admitted they were struggling to find firms to fill all the available spaces.

It had been hoped that work would get under way before the end of the year, but as the weeks go by it is looking increasingly unlikely.

Planning director Matt Parry said the process was "very slow going". "We are still in talks with retailers and we are still trying to get a full line-up," he said. "We will definitely do something with the site but at the moment, like a lot of things, it is just very slow.

"As soon as we get someone on board we will start construction but until then we won't be starting work."

Transform

Earlier this year, workers moved on to the site to treat the contaminated ground so building work could begin as soon as a deal was signed.

Once started, construction of the four units will take around nine months to complete. Plans for the retail complex were unveiled in spring last year, two years after a separate scheme to transform the site into a leisure hub, including a 120-bedroom hotel development, was withdrawn.

Architects' plans show the development would be the same height as the nearby Waitrose and built of similar materials.

A deal has been struck with Waitrose to allow customers to use either the new car park or the supermarket's existing 485-space one.

Wolverhampton City Council's planning committee gave the proposals the thumbs-up last year.

Safety posters are a winner for two youngsters

TWO youngsters have won a competition to design a road safety poster.

Scrivens Opticians and The Hearing Company invited primary schoolchildren in Wolverhampton to get involved, educating them about looking out for danger when walking close to, or crossing, a road.

A poster designed by Chloe Ford and Amy Walker, both aged seven, who attend Wilkinson Primary School in Bilston, impressed the judges.

Their artwork will now be displayed in the Bilston Scrivens and The Hearing Company branches to raise awareness of National Walk to School Week. Chloe and Amy have also been presented with a £20 book token as well as a £25 book token for their school.

Wilkinson headteacher Tina Gibbon said: "It was great to see the children getting involved."

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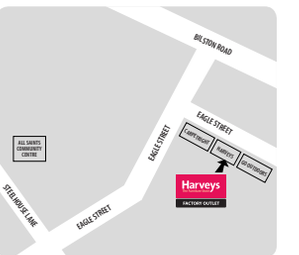

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Young band tunes in to fashion catwalk

Global online fashion store snaps up Wolverhampton band to feature on catwalk videos

AN up-and-coming Wolverhampton band has been snapped up by global online fashion store Asos to feature on their popular catwalk videos.

The teen band's music is being streamed on the store's website after the company's catwalk co-ordinator heard just one of their tracks.

Jump The Shark is made up of lead singer Tasha Jones, aged 15, a pupil at Wolverhampton Girls' High School, guitarist Theo Williams (14), a pupil at Thomas Telford School, guitarist John Murphy (14), a pupil at St Edmund's RC School, bass player Matt Gregory (14), a pupil at Thomas Telford School and drummer Liam Price (16), a South Wolverhampton and Bilston Academy student.

Theo, from Tettenhall, said: "We are dead chuffed that a brand as big as Asos has spotted our music and is giving us this kind of exposure. We write and perform all our own music and bring lots of different influences to our sound."

Tash added: "We only recorded the track So Far Away a few weeks ago with Gavin Monaghan at Magic Garden Studios, so getting such a cool label as Asos interested is incredible for us. We also owe a lot to Ed Davies, from Zip Rock School, who has been a great help in mentoring us as a band."

The band, which was formed last year, regularly play at Newhampton Arts Centre as part of the Dakota Beats Presents nights and are next headlining there on June 1.

Store halts animal sanctuary aid

A SUPERMARKET in Wolverhampton has scrapped funding for a local animal sanctuary following complaints from customers.

Carers Anonymous Animal Refuge Sanctuary (CAARS) provides a shelter for cats and dogs and was in line for a share of cash from Waitrose as part of its monthly £1,000 donation.

Waitrose, on Marston Road, lets customers put tokens into one of three boxes and the £1,000 is proportionally split between three causes.

Bosses had selected CAARS in Red Lane, Essington, after a recommendation from a customer. But Waitrose spokesman James Armstrong said: "The charity CAARS was nominated by a shopper to receive support from our Community Matters initiative, which sees £1,000 each month shared between three local causes.

"A number of shoppers expressed their concerns about supporting this charity and we have passed these concerns on to the appropriate parties.

Shocked

"This was the first time the charity had been nominated and the £1,000 will now be shared between this month's two other nominated charities, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the Little Eden Project."

CAARS has been running for more than 20 years and bosses said they were shocked to hear that there had been complaints.

A manager, who declined to be named, said: "Waitrose has not told us what the issues are. I spoke to a lady from Waitrose when we were nominated and she was very helpful.

"The RSPCA have visited us in the past and been happy with the conditions here."

The organisation is not currently a registered charity but is in the process of applying with the Charity Commission.

The RSPCA could not confirm whether it was investigating.

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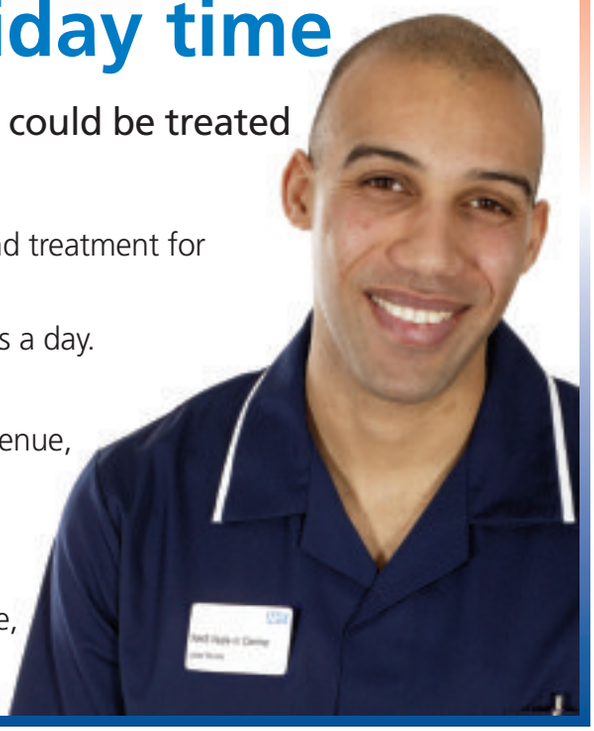

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Carpet firm last to leave blaze-hit city retail park

A CARPET and bed showroom on a Wolverhampton retail park is set to close and relocate – leaving the site empty.

United Carpets and Beds is the only shop open at the Peel Centre retail park on Stafford Street, following the collapse of Focus DIY and a fire which wrecked a furniture warehouse last year.

Neighbouring JJB Sports still has not returned since it also closed due to the fire. The carpet and bed store is having a closing down sale but the 12 staff will be offered jobs elsewhere. A new site is being sought for United Carpets and Beds in Wolverhampton

Centre owners Peel Holdings have long standing plans to either redevelop the site with new shops or turn it into a £20 million supermarket if they can get Morrisons to take it on.

£38k benefit fraud mother lied about her relationship

A MOTHER cheated almost £38,000 out of the benefits system by lying about her relationship with the man who fathered her two youngest children, a judge heard.

Pamela Gerber collected income support along with housing and council tax payouts for four-and-a-half years by claiming to be a single parent. All the while, the couple were living together, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

But Judge Helen Hughes spared the mother-of-five an immediate jail sentence, instead giving her a six-month prison sentence suspended under supervision for 18 months with 100 hours' unpaid work.

The 46-year-old, whose five dependent children are aged two to 17, started claiming benefits while living at an address in Telford and continued after moving to an address in Broad Lane, Wednesfield.

Worried

Prosecutor Amy Jackson said the benefits claims were not fraudulent from the outset but the scam ran from February 2006 to October 2010 before finally being uncovered after a tip-off. The youngest children were born in 2007 and 2009.

Stephen Blower, defending, said: "She neglected to notify the authorities of her change in circumstances for fear of what the answer would be."

Gerber was worried about losing her benefit payments because of the "catastrophic" state of her finances, the court heard.

Gerber, now living at Wolseley Road, Stowlawn, Bilston, and of previous good character, admitted three charges of failing to disclose a change of circumstances that allowed her to pocket £37,851 in state benefit to which she was not entitled.

Councillors quit roles in cabinet

TWO members of Wolverhampton City Council's ruling Labour cabinet have stood down from their roles because of other commitments.

City services chief Councillor Bob Jones and human resources boss Councillor Milkinder Jaspal have been replaced by councillors John Reynolds and Paul Sweet.

Councillor Jaspal has been made this year's deputy mayor while Councillor Jones wants to concentrate on his bid to be Labour's candidate for the West Midlands police and crime commissioner.

Councillor Jones must first compete with Birmingham Labour councillor Yvonne Mosquito for the nomination.

Councillor Reynolds was already in the cabinet in charge of health and will be replaced by Councillor Sandra Samuels.

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Delight as phone mast application thrown out

CAMPAIGNERS are celebrating victory after controversial plans for a 57ft phone mast in a Wolverhampton conservation area were thrown out.

City council planners have refused to allow Telefonica and Vodafone to build the towering mast at Tettenhall Green.

The site is close to the junction of Wergs Road and Wrottesley Road – the middle of the Tettenhall conservation area. The firms have also withdrawn an application for a mast at Wergs Garage, Wergs Road.

Protesters submitted a barrage of objections petitions and letters, claiming the masts would be "ugly" additions to the area and arguing the masts and accompanying equipment would blight the landscape.

Ward councillor Jonathan Yardley said planners had ruled the mast would be "visually intrusive". The firms had tried to argue that the design and location of the mast would minimise visual impact.

"I'm absolutely delighted that neither of these masts will be built in our area," he said. "I still can't understand what they were thinking, trying to get a mast built on the Green.

"It is one of the lovliest beauty spots Wolverhampton has to offer – they really could not have chosen a more inappropriate spot in the whole of the city.

Fellow councillor Barry Findlay said: "I am extremely pleased that the city council planners are backing local residents in the fight to preserve the unique character of the Tettenhall conservation area."

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MP tunes in as KicFM is live from its new station

KicFM's chief executive Rob Smith with MP Paul Uppal and programme controller Jamie Powis with volunteers and users at the station's new home

YOUTH radio station KicFM kicked off life in its new home by getting in tune with a Wolverhampton MP.

Paul Uppal, Conservative member for Wolverhampton South West, visited the studio at Wolverhampton College in Paget Road to meet staff and some of the 130 18 to 24-year-olds being given work experience.

They are all unemployed and not in training but got the chance to build their confidence and learn new skills.

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The three-week course is the result of the new tie up between Wolverhampton College and the radio station that was launched in 1999 and spent the last seven years based on the Wolverhampton University campus.

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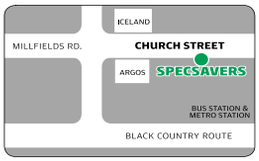

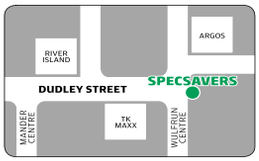

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COVEN WI

COVEN WI all now agree, man's best friend is his dog.

Julia Hurley presented Canine Partners at the May meeting. She was accompanied by Angie, a six-and-a-half-year-old black Labrador. Naturally, all formal business was concluded beforehand.

Canine Partners was formed 20 years ago as a charity run by volunteers and funded by donations. Its role is to train retrieving breeds to help transform the lives of people with disabilities.

They look to train 60 dogs a year and there are now 200 trained dogs working in communities. The charity has just started a breeding programme and the need is great, with more than 1.2 million disabled people in the country.

Angie is now a demonstration dog who previously worked in two partnerships and saved the life of her last partner.Angie demonstrated many tasks as members were given an insight into the valuable role of Canine Partners.

A number of WI members were invited to a presentation given by Marks & Spencer at Shrewsbury and were given VIP treatment. They were shown current fashions and were given the opportunity to taste new food products.

On Tuesday, May 29, Next One Fashion comes to Coven Memorial Hall at 8pm.

Award-winning butcher Allan Bennett was guest speaker at the last meeting

TRYSULL & SEISDON WI

IT WAS congratulations all round at the May meeting. Linda Jackson and Pauline Careless came first and third in the floral art competition at the Spring Event Day at Stafford.

The winner of the rose bowl competition for the last 12months was Doreen Walker, and Beryl Dunning has had a photograph accepted for the 2013 WI Calendar. Well done to everyone.

Speaker for the evening was another winner – Allan Bennett, a local butcher. He began by working for Gills and has been a member of the Guild of Q Butchers for 25 years. Allan has won numerous prizes for his speciality sausages, and travels the country judging competitions as well as taking part.

His shop in Codsall sells 22 varieties of sausage and they make 800 to 1000lbs a week.

Allan gave a sausage-making demonstration. He uses prime meat from local farmers mixed with rusk, water and his own secret seasoning. He then deftly turned out perfect links of sausage, making it look very easy. The ladies were then treated to a taste of some he had cooked earlier.

The competition for an ornamental pig was won by Sue Cotterell. Next month's competition is a strawberry decorated item.

At the meeting on June 14, Sue Clegg will be talking about the world of dabs (fingerprints).

Favourite childhood poems

CODSALL 'M' TOWNSWOMEN

WITH vice chairman Janice Symmonds in charge, the Guild enjoyed a Members' morning.

A very brief business session was followed by a lively discussion of the two mandates from headquarters for this year. The first referred to the thousands of unoccupied houses in Great Britain that could be refurbished and allocated to people on housing lists. The second emphasised the concern that TG members have regarding donations sent in response to national appeals after global disasters occur.

A substantial proportion of this money often does not reach those people for whom it is intended and this should be looked into.

After coffee, several members entertained the meeting with Black Country poems, monologues, amusing poems, personal reminiscences of days gone by and favourite poems from childhood.

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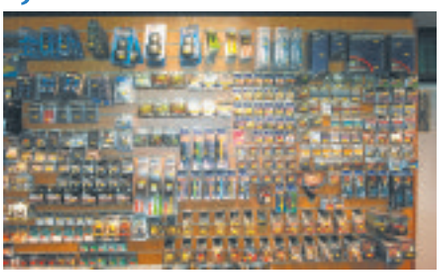

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Dan's distinctive voice heard on debut album

WOLVERHAMPTON singer and songwriter Dan Whitehouse has collected enough of his own material, ably abetted by Michael and Steve Clarke, to release his first, and eponymously titled, full album which was due out this month.

Dan has served his time on the local music scene and played many major festivals, and his album is currently getting airplay on Radio 6.

On the album you can hear Dan flexing his vocal range with tracks which certainly brings to mind artists such as Bob Dylan, David Bowie, Leonard Cohen, Donovan and Peter Gabriel.

Whether these influences are conscious or otherwise remains to be seen, but in between these is the breathy and distinctive voice of Dan who is able to convey real emotion in his singing.

Wolverhampton singer-songwriter Dan Whitehouse releases his self-titled debut album on May 23

Evocative

There are nice little evocative twists among the tracks such as Three Bodies which could easily be the sound of a busker on the streets of Paris.

Perhaps the tracks which gives you Dan at his stripped down best is Hold on to What We Have in which the music has more than a tinge of Pink Floyd to it.

The album comes with ambitious renderings such as the thumping rhythm of Fire of Lust and In My Stupid Face. Dan uses sound effects very well which is reminiscent of Roxy Music's early experimentations.

All in all this is a very thoughtful first offering which Dan should be proud of. Visit www.dan-whitehouse.com

Danny Farragher

Other new releases:

SHEFFIELD'S mellow voiced **Richard Hawley**, formerly of Pulp, turns the amps up to 11 on his new album **Standing at the Sky's Edge**.

There are some crooned ballads about the lost and lonely but as important on this album is the fiery fretwork as he unleashes squalls of psychedelic drone rock. This could be the first Hawley album to unite Billy Fury and Muse fans in admiration.

There is a thin line between quirky and irritating and I am afraid **Marina and the Diamonds** overstep it on **Electra Heart** with songs that would have been rejected by Shakespeare's Sister a couple of decades ago.

Her vocal gymnastics are just too mannered and get in the way of the songs, and when she tones it down a little she sounds like a nil point Eurovision entry.

Former Blur frontman **Damon Albarn**'s latest wild tangent is **Dr Dee**, part pastoral symphony and part folk song cycle about the life of Elizabethan mystic John Dee. More Radio 3 than 1, 2 or 6.

Sweet Billy Pilgrim continue to defy genres with their **Crown and Treaty** album. If you imagine a folky version of Elbow, then you're on the right track.

Fans of such jazz-inflected soul singers of the 70s as Bill Withers and Labi Siffre should check out young Londoner **Michael Kiwanuka**. His debut **Home Again** isn't highly original but those who like classic soul will embrace it.

Norah Jones' breathy vocal charm gains more gravitas and variety on **Little Broken Hearts** and ace producer Danger Mouse has given the whole affair an elegant sheen.

Brooklyn's Santi White, AKA **Santigold**, on her second album **Master of My Make-Believe** delivers a potent and inventive blend of rock, reggae, dubstep, drum 'n' bass with a keen pop sense. Disparate Youth is the stand out track and Karen O guests on Go!

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Sweet success for dance group

Verity Lishman at Sweet Memories helps raise money for Wolverhampton Dance Crew

A PROUD father has put some fizz into a Wolverhampton dance group's fundraising – with a 4ft-tall champagne glass.

It has taken pride of place in the window of Steve Baxter's Sweet Memories shop in the city's Mander Centre where Wolverhampton Dance Crew put on a show on Saturday, and the sweets-filled glass will be raffled off.

His daughter Amy is a member of the troupe, who are rehearsing for the UK freestyle finals of the National Best Dance Crew on June 10.

Postie who was jealous of friends stole cards

A THIEVING postman from Wolverhampton stole money from greetings cards because he was jealous of friends who earned more than him, a court heard.

Brendan Radford pocketed £45 from packages he was due to deliver to homes across the city. He was caught out after an investigation by Royal Mail and suspended from Wolverhampton North West Delivery Office, Sun Street, in February. He no longer works for Royal Mail.

Mr John Dove, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Magistrates Court last week: "Inquiries began when a high number of losses were reported to the delivery office. Most were found to be related to this defendant's round."

A surveillance operation was carried out by investigators on February 9.

Radford, aged 27, of Uplands Avenue, Bradmore, pocketed a test package with a tracking device.

Investigators discovered opened greetings cards in his pocket and also found almost 800 flyers and leaflets in his garage.

Mr Dove added: "He admitted he had stolen five greetings cards out of stupidity. He was jealous of his friends who were earning more money than him. He was trying to go out with his mates that had better jobs than him."

Brendan Radford

Mr David Williams, defending, said: "He accepts his sheer stupidity. This offence was completely out of character."

Radford admitted stealing postal packets, being engaged in opening one and attempting to destroy door to door postal packages.

He was due to be sentenced on Thursday.

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Old boys back on the ball for charity

The Wolves All Stars line-up led by Mel Eves at the Banks's Stadium before their charity match with Walsall All Stars

WALSALL All Stars and Wolves All Stars helped raise more than £5,000 for charity at the Banks's Stadium last night.

Martin Butler's hat-trick and a goal from Zigor Aranalde cancelled out Tony Dinning's strike as Walsall won 4-1.

CLIC Sargent, Fat Boys and the John Radcliffe Hospital will all benefit from the ticket sales, donations and an auction.

It was organised by Penny Lawrence of CAT Communications, the club's back-of-shirt sponsors, for family friend Mischka Richards who suffers from bone cancer.

The Wolves All Stars – who featured Telford's Adam Proudlock – can raise up to £50,000 a year for charity.

Manager Mel Eves said: "We have to be a bit selective with our games because of availability but we're not going to leave the charities in the lurch.

"Games like this are great and we raised money for three really good causes. We thank Dan Mole (Saddlers' press officer) and everyone at Walsall."

Albecete assistant head coach and ex-Walsall star Aranalde, who flew over from Spain especially for the game, added: "It was very good – it's always enjoyable when you play a game of football. It's a great cause and I was playing with friends so it was a great day out.

"I got a day off and it was important to come over."

Dinning's classy volley put Wolves ahead after 20 minutes but quickfire goals from Aranalde and Butler fired Walsall ahead.

Treble

Butler, who scored 25 goals in 141 games in two spells for the Saddlers, completed his treble with two in the second half.

Walsall: Green, McCoy, Millard, Polgrave, Angus, Taylor, Keates, Butler, Shearer, Reece, Marsh.

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Adam Proudlock on the ball

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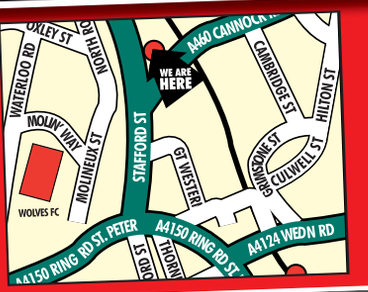

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Crimewatch jewel thief given long prison term

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By Shaun Jepson

Jason Paul Austin, from Bilston, targeted eight different jewellers during his crime spree, including one in Staffordshire and another in Bridgnorth.

He took 15 gold and sapphire eternity rings valued at £4,500 from Mayflowers Jewellers in Bridgnorth High Street.

The raid was featured on the BBC show Crimewatch.

Having his details aired on the show led to his arrest and conviction for that and seven other raids, Mould Crown Court heard last week.

It emerged that father-of-two Austin, 38, of Marbury Drive, also got away with jewellery from shops in Wales, Cambridgeshire and Cheshire.

And he admitted stealing a charity box belonging to the West Midlands Air Ambulance from a pharmacy in Bilston.

The court heard there was no violence and no injury in any of the cases but that the victims had been left distressed and shocked.

Austin, who admitted nine charges of theft, will now face a Proceeds of Crime Act investigation to determine if he has any assets that can be confiscated.

Tile supplier's success

WOLVERHAMPTON-BASED tile supplier Tile Choice has announced it will open two new stores in Northamptonshire. The company, which has 15 stores throughout the region, has seen a successful year, recording a 14 per cent year on year sales growth despite the tough trading conditions. The firm, which has its headquarters in Ettingshall, put this increase down to an excellent customer service.

Cycling challenge

Businessman Jonathan Gough is hoping to raise thousands of pounds for Help for Heroes

A BUSINESS boss from Wolverhampton will be taking on an epic challenge by cycling 350 miles around the battle sites of France to raise cash for charity. Jonathan Gough is hoping to raise thousands of pounds for Help for Heroes.

But a back injury means the 52-year-old, of Tettenhall, is doing the journey on a recumbent cycle.

Mr Gough, managing director of G.Evans Service Ltd, Rugeley, and Gough Group Ltd, Bilston, had to learn to use the specially adjusted bike ahead of his departure to France on Sunday. The father-of-two is determined to raise around £8,000 or more during the Big Battlefield Bike Ride challenge event.

"Like most people I've been seeing and reading the horror stories of our killed and wounded soldiers for over 10 years," he said. "Without being political in any way I believe if we send our troops they must be given the right resources before, during and after any engagement."

While in France, Mr Gough will also visit the grave of his great uncle Percy Gough in Ypres, who died in December 1917. He can be sponsored at www.bmychar ity.com/jon athangough2012

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Spit-row man, 69, jailed for slashing neighbour

A PENSIONER who slashed the face of his neighbour after accusing him of spitting on his car has been jailed for two years.

Alan Lewis followed 74-year-old Reginald Pinsent before lashing out at him in a "criss-cross motion" with a craft knife.

Lewis, who turned 69 last week, had become "obsessed" with catching whoever was responsible for spitting on his vehicle, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said the incident happened in Dovedale Road, Ettingshall, Wolverhampton, on July 29. Mr Pinsent passed Lewis's property on his way home from the pub at about 11.45pm.

The court was told Lewis watched him pass the house and then decided to go and confront him, fully aware that the coat he was wearing contained a knife.

Mr Rees explained that the victim walked into the garage to get some bread from the freezer before he Lewis pounced.

Challenge

"The garage door opened and he saw the defendant standing there," Mr Rees said

"The defendant stated that Mr Pinsent had been spitting on his car."

Lewis then slashed out at Mr Pinsent, leaving him with cuts to his chin. Lewis left but was challenged by another neighbour who then flagged down a police car.

The court was told Lewis had installed CCTV at his home and believed he had seen the victim spit on his car previously.

Lewis admitted wounding with intent. Mr Robert Perry, defending, said his client was "deeply remorseful". "He understands taking the knife was a catastrophic mistake to make. This was an isolated incident that will never happen again," he added.

Jailing Lewis for two years and imposing a restraining order banning him from having contact with his victim, Judge Rosalind Bush told him he had failed to act with "any degree of self control or rationalisation".

Bully backs bike challenge

Steve Bull joins friends and family of Bijay Khela to support the ride

PEDAL-POWERED fundraisers have completed a mammoth 185-mile bike ride in memory of one of their friends.

Fifteen people took part in the journey from Molineux to Brighton in an effort to raise £16,000 for children's charity Promise Dreams, the Steve Bull Foundation and Cancer Research UK.

Ikbal Sunda, aged 34, was among those taking part. He said: "We were all training since January so were prepared for it.

"We've done similar bike rides before - last year we went from Molineux to Wembley - but this is the biggest yet.

"We'd like to raise as much as possible but are hoping for about £20,000. It was tough but well worth it in the end."

The group of fundraisers travelled from Molineux to Windsor, then from Windsor to Brighton.

The journey was in aid of Bijay Khela, who died after a battle with cancer in 2009, aged 41.

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Dressed to impress as proms return

Tanya Athwal, Amy Maidment, and Majorie Meng at Blakelands

Attending The Royal Wolverhampton School sixth form prom are, from left, students Jane Ho, Siyu Song, Michelle Ho and Lisa Lee

DUST off those glamorous gowns and smart suits – prom season is back and this year it is bigger and better than ever.

Popular prom venues across the region say their diaries are bursting with pre-booked parties and dress makers say they have been rushed off their feet.

One of the first proms of the season took place at Blakelands Country House near Bobbington, on Friday with Sixth Form students from The Royal Wolverhampton School getting together to celebrate the end of school in style.

Among those dressing to impress were 18-year-olds Tanya Athwal and Amy Maidment, and 17-year-old Majorie Meng.

Tanya, who is off to Sheffield Hallam University in September to study sociology, said: "I had about three different outfits and only decided on what I was actually going to wear on the day."

Amy added: "It took my boyfriend longer than me to get ready. He might not be very proud of that, but I am."

Some boys donned smart shorts and a jacket for the occasion, including John Ling, 19, who said: "The only thing we were worried about was whether we would get into a smart place in shorts."

The Mount Hotel, Tettenhall, is a popular prom destination for many schools.

Events co-ordinator Jo Plimmer said this year had been busier than ever – with double the number of bookings.

She said: "It's definitely been busier this year. We usually have five or six bookings but we've got 10."

No short cuts for Oscar Ng, Vincent Cheung, John Tse and John Ling

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Roadshow appeal for foster families

ROADSHOWS are being held in the Black Country and Staffordshire to attract more foster parents.

Foster Care Fortnight is being organised to help deal with a shortfall in carers across the Midlands region.

In Staffordshire a further 65 foster families need to be found over the next three years to give children a loving, stable and caring home.

Staffordshire County Council's fostering team is holding several events including the 'Reggie' promotional bus which will tour the county to give people the chance to talk to foster carers and social workers about the support available from the county council.

Training

Anyone interested in fostering and helping a child to realise their potential is being urged to go along to find out more about the professional fee, child allowances, family social groups and the training available.

Foster Care Fortnight, which runs until Sunday (27), is the annual awareness campaign run by the Fostering Network to raise the profile of fostering and highlight the need for more foster carers. Details on **www.care4child.org**, or by texting 'FOSTER' to 60003.

Store boss wants to be put in picture over Royal photos

WHEN Debbie Eggerton was helping clear out an old office at Beatties she had no idea she would uncover a piece of national history.

Hidden under piles of books and papers was a cardboard folder containing dozens of photos of the Queen's Coronation in June 1953. Now Debbie is trying to solve the mystery of how the store came to have the photos, and what they were used for.

"It's not clear whether they were going to be sold in the store, or shown to the public as part of the celebrations," says Debbie, store manager at Beatties, in Victoria Street, Wolverhampton.

"We have been doing a tidying exercise in the offices at the store and when we started clearing out one room we discovered this folder on a shelf. It must have been there for a number of years.

Negatives

"We have asked a number of people, including members of the Beatties family, if they know where the pictures came from and no-one has a clue – but maybe someone at the store was able to get hold of some negatives and create their own prints."

A few of the photos have duplicates where the negative was re-used in a bid to create sharper images.

The prints also still smell of developing fluid meaning it could have been an in-house team at the store which created the photos.

Debbie says: "All the women in the photos looked regal and beautiful – when you look at every picture you feel like you could be behind the lens. Our plan is to get the pictures framed and put them on display in our Heritage Room for people to look at during the Diamond Jubilee."

All smiles for the Queen at the service

The new Queen greets her subjects at the Palace

The formal royal procession at Westminster Abbey

Debbie Eggerton and pictures

Mystery surrounds pictures of the Queen's Coronation which have been discovered during a clean-up at Beatties department store. CATHY SPENCER reports

After the Coronation the Queen visited Wolverhampton in May 1962 and some of the former workers at Beatties remember when she went past the store in her carriage.

Two of the people working in Beatties at that time were Mary Boddy, aged 91, and Anne Sharples, 75. Mary was in charge of catering at the department store and says: "People were getting excited about it for days beforehand and when the word went around that she had arrived in Wolverhampton it was more thrilling than a Beatties sale – and we had some good sales in those days.

"Mr Beattie gave us permission to go outside and wave as she went past in her carriage. Most of us poured out onto the street while others waved from the window. I can't remember whether we had to finish dealing with customers first, or if we could just make an excuse and dash outside, but the atmosphere was wonderful.

"She came past in her carriage, waving at us all, and it was a sunny day.

Lean

Anne was working in accounts at the store and says the streets of Wolverhampton were filled with people who were hoping to see the Queen.

She said: "In the offices we were able to lean out of the windows and watch her go past in her carriage – I remember looking down the street and seeing crowds of people craning their necks to get a better view.

"The Queen's Coronation really sticks out for me as I was only 17 at the time and had been working in Beatties for two years.

"My family got their first black and white TV, and we struggled to buy one as they were in big demand so people could watch the Coronation."

Anne, who now lives in Wombourne, says there were a number of street parties taking place in Penn Fields where she grew up.

She said: "Seeing the pictures of the Coronation has brought a lot of memories back as I remember seeing her on television and

Total of jobless in shock fall of 45,000

A SURPRISE fall in the UK jobless total has provided some rare good news for the Coalition Government.

Unemployment fell by 45,000 to 2.63 million in the three months to March, and in the West Midlands it was down by 19,000 to 228,000.

Job queues were shorter in Wolverhampton, where those claiming jobseeker's allowance fell by 246 to 12,108, or 7.9 per cent of the city's working population – nearly twice the national rate of four per cent.

Unemployment is now at its lowest since last summer, while a dip in the number of people nationally claiming the dole has fallen for the second month in a row by 13,700 to 1.59 million – the biggest drop since July 2010.

Eligible

The figures differ because not everyone classed as unemployed is eligible to claim the allowance.

Nationally the number of people in work increased by 105,000 to almost 30 million, but this was due to a rise in part-time workers.

Almost eight million people are now in a part-time job, the highest since records began in 1992, while those working part-time because they cannot find full-time work increased by 73,000 to a record high of 1.4 million. Self-employment has also reached a record figure of 4.1 million.

Manilow's still got it

Barry Manilow, LG Arena, Birmingham

"I'VE still got it!" quipped Barry Manilow, as his legion of Fanilows roared their approval for the line "when can I touch you" during his 36-year-old ballad Weekend In New England.

The New York singer-songwriter has still got it, if 'it' is the skill and charm of a consummate showman. He hasn't written a hit since his fertile period between 1975 and 90, but that leaves more than enough material to turn a 90 minute show into a greatest hits cavalcade.

There were the upbeat pop tunes, such as It's A Miracle, Could It Be Magic and Copacabana, but best were the ballads when Barry, though still a nifty mover at 68, sat at his keyboard. "Now the sex god needs to sit down," he said, with self-deprecating wit.

Tears

Even Now, All The Time, Looks Like We Made It – these songs are special to the mostly female and mostly middle-aged audience. Tears were in eyes as they waved their glow sticks.

It had been ten years since his last Birmingham show, in which time he released little original material until last year's fame concept album 15 Minutes – from which two songs were warmly received. The Brooklyn songsmith's duet via video with his younger self for Mandy was poignant.

Could it be magic? Yes, it was.

Leon Burakowski

Susan dreamed a dream and it comes true in new musical

BRITAIN'S Got Talent singing star Susan Boyle guest stars in a musical about her own life, coming to Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

Marooned but magnificent

The Tempest, RSC, Stratford

JONATHAN Slinger gives a commanding, emotional performance as Prospero, the overthrown duke turned marooned magician, which towers over this production of Shakespeare's final play.

It is being presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company as part of the Bard's Shipwreck Trilogy, with the same cast performing The Comedy of Errors and Twelfth Night in repertoire.

As a whole, director David Farr has created a version that is more pleasure cruise than fantastic voyage.

Design quirks like a giant transparent cube allow, thanks to Jon Clark's exceptional lighting, great effects but actors inside it are almost unintelligible. And Amer Hlehel gabbles his lines as Caliban. But the exceptional Slinger and Sandy Grierson, as his lookalike spirit Ariel, keep this production on course.

Leon Burakowski

I Dreamed A Dream, named after the song from Les Miserables which brought Boyle fame on Simon Cowell's top TV show, will see the Scottish singer played by Elaine C Smith, best known as the long-suffering wife of Glaswegian layabout Rab C Nesbitt's in the eponymous TV sit-com.

The story of the frump with a beautiful voice, who stunned a nation with her talent and went on to achieve global fame, will be staged at Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday (May 29) to June 2.

Finale

Elaine C Smith conceived of and co-wrote this combination of play and jukebox musical, which looks at the first 47 years of Boyle's life, with funny, poignant and sometimes painful incidents whilst growing up in a West Lothian village. The climax is the sudden fame which led to her being runner-up in the 2009 series of Britain's Got Talent (dancers Diversity actually stole her thunder by winning).

The special element of this show is that, when the cast depart the stage after their final bow, the woman herself steps out of the wings... subject to availability, adds a proviso.

Susan Boyle (left) and Elaine C Smith join forces to tell the singer's life story so far in I Dreamed A Dream

Good and evil in one weekend

BOTH good and evil get a look in at Birmingham Symphony Hall this weekend.

Hollywood actor John Malkovich recites the confessions of Austrian 'celebrity' serial killer Jack Unterweger in play with music The Infernal Comedy, featuring baroque orchestra and singers on Saturday.

Welsh conductor Karl Jenkins will lead The Manchester Orchestra, singers Cor Caerdydd and Lichfield Cathedral Young Voices for his new work The Peacemakers at the city centre venue on Sunday.

Murder mystery is a gripping period piece even without Poirot

Agatha Christie's Murder On The Nile, Wolverhampton Grand

IF you are expecting a certain Belgian detective to help exercise your little grey cells, you are out of luck. That's Agatha's Christie's Death On The Nile and this is a different (if rather similar) tale from the queen of mystery. Even more confusingly, the popular 1978 film used elements from both stories.

The Nile becomes the river of no return for a couple of passengers aboard a paddle steamer in this whodunnit. Mystery fans will probably guess 'who dunnit' and puzzle instead 'how they dunnit' in this four act play set on a nicely realised cruise deck set.

There is a portly gent of a cerebral nature on hand to solve the murder mystery, Canon Ambrose Pennefather, a sort of ecclesiastical Poirot.

Murder always seems rather mundane in these antiquated Christie plays. Rather than being shocked or struck by grief, the first thought of those surrounding the victim is unmasking the killer or finding an alibi. But perhaps that's part of the creaky charm combined with stiff-upper-lip Britishness and the odd swipe at johnny foreigner.

The ensemble cast are good. Kate O'Mara brings some humour as the splendidly named snob Mrs ffoliot-ffoulkes ("no capital Fs!") whilst Denis Lill is utterly dependable as the investigating clergyman. Chloe Newsome does a nicely neurotic turn as the jealous Louise de Vallois, who is stalking ill-matched newly weds Kay and Simon Mostyn (Susie Amy and Ben Nealon).

The play continues at the Grand to Saturday.

Leon Burakowski

Amstell is Numb one

Comedian Simon Amstell

COMEDIAN Simon Amstell brings his latest stand-up show to Birmingham with a gig at the New Alexandra Theatre on Friday, June 1, as part of his Numb tour.

Amstell was best known as the acerbic presenter of comedy pop quiz Never Mind The Buzzcocks but has more recently gained plaudits for his TV sit-com Grandma's House, which he stars in and co-wrote.

Stars line up for Superstar at NIA

THE 40th anniversary of of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar will be marked by an arena tour, including Birmingham NIA on October 4. The actor playing Jesus will be chosen by the public in forthcoming TV show Superstar.

Other roles will be filled by Australian comedian and musician Tim Minchin (Judas), ex-Spice Girl Melanie C (Mary Magdalene) and Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles (King

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EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2012

BBC1, 8pm

Graham Norton commentates on the 57th edition of the musical extravaganza from the Crystal Hall in Baku, Azerbaijan – the first time the former Soviet republic has hosted the competition. Engelbert Humperdinck is bidding to add another achievement to his glittering career by becoming the first UK winner since 1997 with his ballad Love Will Set You Free, and will be the first of tonight's 26 finalists to take the stage. However, he is likely to face strong competition from Italy's Nina Zilli, whose jazzy pop tune L'Amore E Femmina has been heavily tipped by both pundits and bookmakers.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying. The battle for pole position in Monte Carlo (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.15** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the third day's play from Wentworth. **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. **5.40** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 My Family. The Harpers attend a couples' retreat in a bid to improve their marriage. (R)
6.30 The Voice UK: The Semi-Final. The last eight singers perform individually and with their coaches ahead of next week's final – and with only four places up for grabs, the competition will be tougher than ever. The results can be seen tomorrow at 7.15pm.
7.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. John Partridge reveals the all-important winning numbers.
8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2012. Graham Norton commentates on the musical extravaganza from the Crystal Hall in Baku, Azerbaijan, as Engelbert Humperdinck tries to become the first UK winner since 1997.
11.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.
11.35 FILM: The Girl Next Door. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Emile Hirsch.

1.15 Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.05** Film: A Double Life. (1947) Theatrical drama, starring Ronald Colman. **1.45** Film: William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. (2004) Shakespearean drama, starring Al Pacino. **3.50** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the third day's play from Wentworth.

6.00 Flog It! The team visits St Albans, Hertfordshire.
6.45 Dad's Army. The platoon mans the local lighthouse. (R)
7.15 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. Alan Titchmarsh, Nicki Chapman and Chris Beardshaw discover which of the show gardens has been voted the winner of the RHS People's Award. Last in the series.
8.15 Arts Troubleshooter. The first of two documentaries exploring the work of arts expert Michael Lynch at organisations whose futures are under threat, beginning with Northern Ballet.
9.15 A Picture of London. Eyewitness accounts and visual records charting the city's history.
10.15 Dara O Briain: This Is the Show. The comedian performs at Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
11.15 TOTP2 Goes Eurovision. Hits from the contest. (R)

12.15 Film: Brooklyn Rules. (2007) Drama, starring Freddie Prinze Jr. **1.45** Film: El Bano del Papa. (2007) Premiere. Comedy, with Cesar Troncoso. **3.20** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.40** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** Film: Agatha Christie's Dead Man's Folly. (1986) Murder mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. **3.30** Film: Goldfinger. (1964) Adventure, starring Sean Connery. **5.35** Regional News ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! Full Throttle. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage, featuring thrill-seekers, show-offs and painful-looking accidents.
7.00 Live International Football. Norway v England (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of this evening's friendly international at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, as Roy Hodgson takes control of England for the first time.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 International Football. Norway v England. Highlights of the friendly international at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, as Roy Hodgson took control of England for the first time since being appointed manager.
10.40 FILM: The Matrix. (1999) Sci-fi action thriller, with Keanu Reeves.

1.05 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.10** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** British GT. **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Rita Ora: Intro. (R) **9.10** T4: Snow White and the Huntsman: T4 Movie Special. **9.45** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Paralympic World Cup Live. Coverage of the wheelchair basketball finals. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood, York and the Curragh. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News.
6.30 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. (2002) Frodo and Sam's quest to destroy the ring brings more peril when they come face to face with its former owner. Part two of the fantasy trilogy, starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin.
10.00 FILM: X-Men: The Last Stand. (2006) The mutant heroes battle old ally Jean Grey, returned from the dead as the destructive and seemingly unstoppable Phoenix. The third instalment of the superhero saga, starring Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellen.

12.00 4thought.tv. **12.10** Paralympic World Cup Highlights. Action from the Manchester Regional Arena. **1.15** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **2.00** Film: The Edukators. (2004) Drama, starring Daniel Bruhl and Stipe Erceg. **4.05** Smallville. (R) **4.45** St Elsewhere. Morrison attends a drug rehab programme. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** New Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.20** Film: Tall Man Riding. (1955) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **3.00** Film: Man from God's Country. (1958) Western, starring George Montgomery. **4.30** Film: The Unforgiven. (1960) Western, starring Burt Lancaster.

6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the second day of the Second Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, where the three-match series continued.
8.00 NCIS. A Marine dies while trying to save the life of the Belgravian defence secretary, and the team is asked to protect the politician's daughter while she studies in America. (R)
9.00 CSI: NY. Mac is seriously wounded in a shooting. Last in the series.
10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A single murder quickly becomes a case involving three bodies.
10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Munch investigates the rape and beating of a mute girl.
11.50 Forensic Files. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.55** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.45 All Star Family Fortunes **4.45** Film: Free Willy (1993) **7.00** Film: Happy Feet (2006). Animated adventure, with the voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman. Including FYI Daily. **9.00** Film: American Pie: The Wedding (2003). The third instalment in the comedy series, with Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Eddie Kaye Thomas and Eugene Levy. **11.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments

ITV3
2.45 Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Film: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973)

ITV4
2.45 Film: Stargate (1994) **5.10** Euro 2012 Preview Show **5.45** Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Blazing Saddles (1974) **11.00** Premiership Rugby Union

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.50** Euros' Most Shocking Moments **11.20** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Talk at the BBC **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** Sebastian Bergman **10.30** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.10** Sex and the Sitcom

E4
3.00 Made in Chelsea **4.05** Charlie's Angels **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Film: Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.45 Flight of the Phoenix (2004) **4.55** The Man Who Knew Too Little (1997) **6.45** Another Stakeout (1993) **9.00** The Client (1994) **11.20** Deathwatch (2002)

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SOCCER AID 2012
ITV1, 6pm

Dermot O'Leary presents the big game in aid of Unicef, which sees footballing heroes team up with celebrities for an England v Rest of the World match live from Old Trafford (Kick-off 8.00pm). Robbie Williams captains the England team, managed by Harry Redknapp, and featuring former professionals David Seaman, Teddy Sheringham and Martin Keown, plus stars Jason Isaacs, Mark Owen, Marvin Humes and Aston Merrygold. Kenny Dalglish manages the opposing team, who will be looking for another win following the tense penalty shoot-out that ended in their victory two years ago.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Live Pentecost Praise from Brighton. A service from Church of Christ the King, Brighton. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** Live Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix. The sixth round of the season from Monte Carlo (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** The Queen's Palaces. (R) **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** Chelsea Flower Show 2012. **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison explores the River Humber.
7.15 The Voice UK: The Semi-Final Results. Including performances by Kylie Minogue and Cheryl Cole.
8.00 British Academy Television Awards. Dara O Briain hosts the ceremony in which Rolf Harris will receive the Bafta Fellowship and shows including This Is England '88, Spooks and Misfits battle for recognition.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. William Shatner hosts, with guests Andy Hamilton and Charlie Brooker.
11.10 Room 101 – Extra Storage. With Ross Noble, Jamelia and Germaine Greer. (R)
11.50 The Football League Show.

12.40 Weatherview. **12.45** Sign Zone: Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** Fake Britain. (R) **3.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.00** Great British Menu. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Film: As You Like It. (2006) Shakespearean comedy, starring Bryce Dallas Howard. **2.00** Flog It! (R) **2.30** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the fourth day's play from Wentworth.

6.00 Rowing. Highlights of the second World Cup meeting of the season, which took place in Lucerne, Switzerland.
7.00 Singapore 1942: End of Empire. Part one of two. Why the fall of Singapore to Japanese forces in February 1942 proved to be a key moment in its history, as well as the rest of Asia and the British Empire.
8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Simon finds out about bloodshed in Sri Lanka, then moves on to Bangladesh, where he hears about one of the Indian Ocean's fastest-growing industries, providing prawns for the West.
9.00 Coast. Exploring the history of Britain's harbours, visiting Newlyn, Barrow-in-Furness, Portsmouth, Birkenhead and Scarborough.
10.00 FILM: The Road. (2009) Premiere. Post-apocalyptic drama, starring Viggo Mortensen.
11.40 Episodes. (R)

12.10 Grandma's House. (R) **12.40** Film: Tadpole. (2003) Drama, starring Aaron Stanford. **1.50** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.45** Live French Open Tennis. The opening day of the second Grand Slam event of the year. **5.30** Regional News ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Soccer Aid 2012. Robbie Williams and Michael Sheen captain the pro-celebrity teams for the charity football match, live from Old Trafford, as England take on the Rest of the World (Kick-off 8.00pm). Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.20 Smugglers Special. Documentary following detectives from the City of London Police as they track and arrest a gang smuggling counterfeit trainers worth millions of pounds into Britain. Narrated by Samuel West. (R)
11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Harlequins v Leicester Tigers. Highlights of the showpiece match at Twickenham, where this season's champions were confirmed. Presented by Craig Doyle and Martin Bayfield.

12.15 The Store. Home shopping; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** River Monsters. (R) **3.10** Motorsport UK. **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Paralympic World Cup Highlights. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: Volcano. (1997) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. **4.35** Deal or No Deal. **5.35** Film: St Trinian's. (2007) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett.

7.25 Channel 4 News.
7.55 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". A profile of the Paralympic javelin world champion, following him on a journey through London to Trafalgar Square. (R)
8.00 Come Dine with Me Jubilee Special. Actress Cheryl Fergison, entertainer Lionel Blair, ex-Atomic Kitten star Kerry Katona and ventriloquist Keith Harris take part in a Jubilee-themed edition of the show.
9.00 FILM: The Lovely Bones. (2009) A teenage girl murdered by a neighbour watches over both her family and her killer from the afterlife. Peter Jackson's fantasy drama, starring Saoirse Ronan and Rachel Weisz.
11.35 FILM: A History of Violence. (2005) David Cronenberg's thriller, with Viggo Mortensen.

1.20 Camelot. (R) **2.15** Journey Through the Night. (R) **2.25** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Funky Valley. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.25** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.20** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.20** Film: Patch Adams. (1998) Comedy drama, with Robin Williams. **2.35** Film: Pooh's Grand Adventure: The Search for Christopher Robin. (1997) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. **4.05** Film: The Hunchback of Notre Dame. (1996) Disney animation, with the voices of Tom Hulce and Demi Moore. **5.55** Elizabeth II: A Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5.
8.00 Once Upon a Time.
9.00 Britain's Funniest Comedy Characters. Celebration of small-screen comedy creations.
11.50 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. (R)

12.20 The Walking Dead. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Islands. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
4.00 Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments **5.00** Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **7.00** Film: About a Boy (2002). Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. **9.00** Benidorm. The Oracle's tall tales land him in trouble with the police. **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** The Exclusives **11.45** Film: Die Another Day (2002)

ITV3
3.55 Rosemary & Thyme **5.30** Live French Open Tennis. Coverage from Roland Garros. **8.00** Midsomer Murders. An elderly villager is found drowned. **10.00** Wycliffe **11.05** Cracker

ITV4
2.45 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Coverage of the final at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Cops with Cameras **10.00** Soccer Aid: Extra Time **11.00** Film: The Enforcer (1976)

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Highlights **7.50** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Snog, Marry, Avoid?

BBC FOUR
7.00 Natural World **8.00** Cobra Ferrari Wars **9.00** Imagine: Vidal Sassoon – A Cut Above **10.10** We'll Take Manhattan **11.40** Pink Floyd: Wish You Were Here

E4
3.35 Ugly Betty **4.30** Glee **5.25** 90210 **6.20** The Big Bang Theory **7.20** Film: California Man (1992) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23

FILM4
3.05 Carry On Behind (1975) **4.55** Bee Season (2005) **7.05** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **8.50** Snow White and the Huntsman Interview Special **9.00** Saving Private Ryan (1998)

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BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Cowboy Trap. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** How to Beat Pain; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Euro 2012: Stadiums of Hate – Panorama. **9.00** Chelsworth. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** The One Griff Rhys Jones. (R) **11.35** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.25** Weatherview. **12.30** Sign Zone: Divine Women. (R) **1.30** Chaplains: Angels of Mersey. (R) **2.00** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **2.30** The 1952 Show. (R) **3.15** Great British Menu. (R) **4.15** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: A Walk in the Sun. (1945) Second World War adventure, with Dana Andrews. **1.30** Instant Restaurant. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Heir Hunters. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** TOTP2. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Springwatch 2012. **9.00** Afghanistan: The Great Game – A Personal View by Rory Stewart. **10.00** Sounds of the 70s 2 Soul – Keep On Keeping On. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Dam Busters: The Race to Smash the German Dams. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **3.15** The Super League Show. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Queen and I. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** 56 Up. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Born in the USSR: 28 Up. **12.05** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Night Swimmer." (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** The Renovation Game. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Four in a Bed. (R) **12.30** SuperScrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) **1.00** Film: The One That Got Away. (1957) Fact-based Second World War adventure, with Hardy Kruger. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** The Real Mr & Mrs Assad: Channel 4 Dispatches. **8.30** Gok Cooks Chinese. **9.00** The Secret Millionaire. **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. **10.50** The Hoarder Next Door. (R) **11.55** Random Acts. **12.00** Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) **1.00** My Big Fat Fetish. (R) **1.55** Film: Empire Records. (1995) Comedy drama, starring Liv Tyler. **3.40** Whatever Turns You On. (R) **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** Smallville. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Highland Emergency. (R) **12.45** Highland Emergency. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Mentalist. (R) **3.05** Winter Solstice. (R) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cricket on 5; 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. **10.00** The Walking Dead. **11.00** Film: The Wicker Man. (2006) Horror remake, starring Nicolas Cage. **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Divine Designs. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Cowboy Trap. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Silk. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** The Apprentice: The Final Five. **11.35** Film: Prime. (2005) Romantic comedy, with Uma Thurman and Bryan Greenberg. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **2.20** Horizon. (R) **3.20** The 1952 Show. (R) **4.05** Great British Menu. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.40** Film: The Story of GI Joe. (1945) Second World War drama, with Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum. **1.30** Instant Restaurant. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Heir Hunters. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** TOTP2. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Springwatch 2012. **9.00** Great Ormond Street. **10.00** QI. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens. **12.20** BBC News. **3.50** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Trash to Treasure. **8.00** Countrywise Jubilee. **9.00** Prince Charles: The Royal Restoration. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Grimefighters. (R) **11.05** Nature's Fury: Monsoon. (R) **12.05** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Loose Women. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius "One Giant Leap." (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** The Renovation Game. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Four in a Bed. (R) **12.35** SuperScrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) **1.05** Film: Hills of Home. (1948) Family drama, with Edmund Gwenn. **3.05** Channel 4 Presents – London Dreaming. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. **9.00** Jimmy and the Giant Supermarket. **10.00** Hidden Talent. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **12.15** Poker. **1.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **1.40** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **2.05** The Grid. (R) **2.30** British GT. (R) **2.55** Freesports on 4. **3.50** FIA GT1 World Championship. **4.45** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.10** Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson "Lone Rider." (R) **5.15** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Sheepdog. (R) **5.20** Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Highland Emergency. (R) **12.45** Highland Emergency. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.05** Winter Solstice. (R) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cricket on 5; 5 News Update. **8.00** War Hero in My Family; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: NY. (R) **10.55** CSI: Miami. (R) **11.55** CSI: Miami. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Cowboy Trap. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Rip Off Britain; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build. **9.00** The Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Film: Deja Vu. (2006) Sci-fi thriller, starring Denzel Washington; National Lottery Update. **12.40** Weatherview. **12.45** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.15** The 70s. (R) **2.15** Great Ormond Street. (R) **3.15** The 1952 Show. (R) **4.00** Great British Menu. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Film: Beyond the Reef. (1981) Adventure, starring Dayton Ka'ne. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Heir Hunters. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** TOTP2. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Springwatch 2012. **9.00** Afghanistan: The Great Game – A Personal View by Rory Stewart. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.20** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens. **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Unforgettable Gordon Jackson. **8.00** Lewis. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Unforgiven. (1992) Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. **1.00** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Film: The Lion in Winter. (1968) Oscar-winning historical drama, with Peter O'Toole and Katharine Hepburn. **5.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** The Renovation Game. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Four in a Bed. (R) **12.35** SuperScrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) **1.05** Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior." (R) **1.10** Film: The Last Frontier. (1955) Western, starring Victor Mature. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Secret Eaters. **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E. **10.00** The Killing. **10.55** Random Acts. **11.00** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** Desperate Housewives. **12.30** Music on 4: Subculture. **12.50** Music on 4: Music on 4 Favourites: Paloma Faith. **1.25** Music on 4: Rumer: Live at Rivoli Ballroom. **1.40** Music on 4: Spotlight. **1.50** Music on 4: Karima Francis: Intro. **2.05** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) **2.20** Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) **2.35** Film: Little Fish. (2005) Drama, starring Cate Blanchett. **4.20** Drifting. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News. **12.15** Highland Emergency. (R) **12.45** Highland Emergency. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: Miles from Nowhere. (2009) Drama, starring Andrew Lawrence. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Emergency Bikers; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **11.50** Poker: The Big Game. **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Cowboy Trap. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones. **9.00** Crimewatch. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Crimewatch Update. **10.45** Question Time. **11.45** Film: A Fish Called Wanda. (1988) Crime comedy, starring John Cleese. **1.30** Holiday Weatherview. **1.35** Sign Zone: Euro 2012: Stadiums of Hate – Panorama. (R) **2.05** Countryfile. (R) **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **4.00** The 1952 Show. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: The First of the Few. (1942) Wartime biopic, directed by and starring Leslie Howard. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Heir Hunters. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** TOTP2. **7.30** Great British Menu. **8.00** Springwatch 2012. **9.00** Springwatch Unsprung 2012. **9.30** The Meat Market: Inside Smithfield. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens. **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine's High Street Fashion Awards. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Parent Trap: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Prince Charles: The Royal Restoration. (R) **11.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Jimmy Tarbuck. (R) **12.30** Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** The Parent Trap: Tonight. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** The Renovation Game. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Four in a Bed. (R) **12.35** The Kitchen Pharmacy. (R) **12.50** Film: Logan's Run. (1976) Sci-fi thriller, starring Michael York. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **9.00** Married to the Moonies. **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E. (R) **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Jimmy and the Giant Supermarket. (R) **12.10** The Secret Millionaire. (R) **1.10** Edward VIII: The Plot to Topple a King. (R) **2.05** Unreported World. (R) **2.30** The Real Mr & Mrs Assad: Channel 4 Dispatches. (R) **3.00** Hidden Talent. (R) **3.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.50** Glamour Puds. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.20** Film: McBride: Semper Fi. (2007) Mystery, starring John Larroquette. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Scariest Animal Attacks; (R) 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Restaurant Inspector. **10.00** Film: Hostel. (2005) Horror, starring Jay Hernandez. **11.50** The World of Stupid Criminals. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. **3.55** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Divine Designs. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Fake Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Cowboy Trap. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** A Jubilee Tribute to the Queen by the Prince of Wales. **9.00** EastEnders. **9.30** Have I Got News for You. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Graham Norton Show. **11.20** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.30** White Van Man. **12.00** EastEnders. **1.55** Weatherview. **2.00** Sign Zone: Silk. (R) **3.00** Question Time. (R) **4.00** The 1952 Show. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: Odd Man Out. (1947) British thriller, starring James Mason. **1.30** Racing from Epsom: The Oaks. Including the 4.05 Investec Oaks (1m 4f). **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** TOTP2. **7.30** Diamond Jubilee – The Queen on Tour. **8.00** Great British Menu. **8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** The Great British Story: A People's History. **10.00** Episodes. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** The Review Show. **11.45** Weather. **11.50** Film: Frida. (2002) Oscar-winning biopic, starring Salma Hayek. **1.45** Taken. (R) **3.10** BBC News. **4.45** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Poms in Paradise. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Elizabeth: Queen, Wife, Mother. **10.10** ITV News; Weather. **10.40** Regional News; Weather. **10.45** Film: Stiff Upper Lips. (1998) Comedy, starring Peter Ustinov. **12.35** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.40** Film: The Towering Inferno. (1974) Disaster movie, starring Paul Newman and Steve McQueen. **5.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Night Swimmer." (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** According to Jim. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** The Renovation Game. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Four in a Bed. (R) **12.35** The Kitchen Pharmacy. (R) **12.50** Film: Battleground. (1949) Second World War drama, starring Van Johnson. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.30** Unreported World. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Come Dine with Me. **9.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats. **9.30** Very Important People. **10.00** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. **11.05** Stand Up for the Week. **11.55** Channel 4's Comedy Gala. (R) **2.25** Random Acts. **2.30** My Name Is Earl. (R) **2.50** Dirty Sexy Money. (R) **4.20** Crash Bang Wallow. (R) **4.25** Home Road Movies. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** Law & Order. (R) **3.15** Film: Carolina Moon. (2007) Premiere. Romantic mystery, starring Claire Forlani. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** War Hero in My Family; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** The Olympic Aquatic Centre: Mega Builders; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Mentalist. **10.00** Castle. **10.55** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) **11.55** Inside Hollywood. **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** Motorsport Mundial. **4.20** Divine Designs. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

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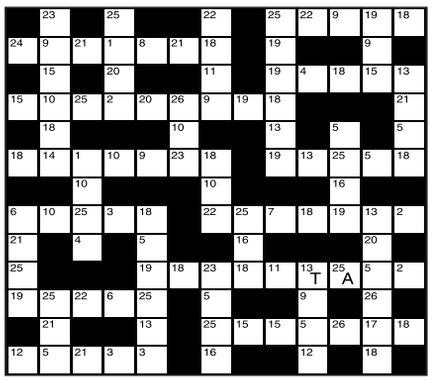

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Time may be on its side (6,5)
9. Pays a quick visit and watches TV (5,2)
10. Some back well utilised material (5)
11. Inlay having three points in it (5)
12. Regulated as instructed (7)
13. Tree as old as the Ark! (6)
15. Weighty lemons, perhaps (6)
18. Expert on board (7)
20. Changing a flat could be ruinous (5)
22. A planet or a dog-star! (5)
23. Paid no attention to negroid developments (7)
24. Farewell photograph may be the last word in defiance! (7,4)

Down

2. Eye-catching gadgets (5)
3. It may be worn as a favour (7)
4. It had a backseat driver (6)
5. Chosen from the depot (5)
6. Increase the confusion of the general (7)
7. What parachutists take from aircraft? (6,5)
8. Commanding individual with an important role to play (7,4)
14. Paul is confused about a border flower (7)
16. Possibly send off insults (7)
17. The French take charge in injury (6)
19. Craft about to capsize (1-4)
21. Trunk roots disturbed (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Situation (11)
9. On horseback (7)
10. Faint-hearted (5)
11. Consumed (5)
12. Overlook (7)
13. Derided (6)
15. Horrified (6)
18. Recount (7)
20. Accumulate (5)
22. River nymph (5)
23. Legend (7)
24. Informal (4-3-4)

Down

2. Frequent (5)
3. Train (7)
4. Kidnap (6)
5. Frequently (5)
6. Kind of lottery (7)
7. Temporary (11)
8. Publicity (11)
14. Conveyor (7)
16. Fight close (7)
17. Warning fire (6)
19. Muddle (5)
21. Wrongly (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Comrades; 5 Etch; 9 Nets; 10 Spectres; 11 Lotto; 12 Eyeball; 13 As far as it goes; 18 Londoner;19 Moor; 20 Go after; 21 Plain; 22 Site; 23 Steering. Down: 2. Onerous; 3 Rosetta; 4 Express regret; 6 Tornado; 7 Hustles; 8 Accent; 13 Alleges; 14 Fondant; 15 Roosts; 16 Gambler; 17 Erosion. QUICK - Across: 1 Astonish; 5 Sped; 9 Port; 10 Stocking; 11 Agree; 12 Nurture; 13 Spill the beans; 18 Classify; 19 Iota; 20 Edition; 21 Limbs; 22 Seek; 23 Reddened. Down: 2 Stopgap; 3 Oatmeal; 4 Sit on the fence; 6 Primula; 7 Daggers; 8 Scarab; 13 Success; 14 Imagine; 15 Lassie; 16 Edifice; 17 Notable.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

9	1	5	3	8	4	7	2	6
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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Feature

The conservatory is 17ft 8in by 12ft 4in with double doors to the garden, and the guest WC has a close coupled toilet and wash hand basin.

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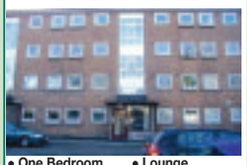

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We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £340,000 on the above property.Any Interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before exchange of contracts takes place

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £310,000

Wentworth Grove

Four Bedroom Executive Detached House• Lounge• Sitting Room/Dining room• Breakfast Kitchen With Appliances• Utility Room/Office• Through hallway• En-suite Bathroom•Ensuite shower Room•Garage•Summer House•Double Glazing

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £205,000

Beverston Road

Three Bedroom Detached House•Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Utility Room• Downstairs W/C•Garage•Double Glazing•Open Aspect To The Rear•Front And Rear Gardens

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £199,950

Hepworth Close

Four Bedroom Detached House•Lounge With Dining Area• Sitting Room & Kitchen• First Floor Contemporary Shower Room• Double Glazing• Gas Central Heating• Front And Rear Gardens

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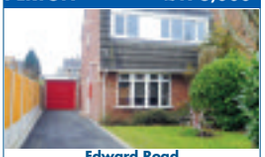
PERTON £199,950

Leasowe Drive

Three Bedroom Detached House• Lounge• Dining Kitchen• Sun Lounge• Utility Room• Garage• Bathroom W/C• Double Glazing• Front And Rear Gardens• Gas Central Heating

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £176,000



Edward Road

Three Bedroom Detached House• Lounge• Dining Room• Conservatory• Kitchen• Garage• Double Glazing• Gas Central Heating• Driveway for Parking Of Several Vehicles

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PERTON £175,000

Stephenson Drive

Three Bedroom Extended Semi Detached House With First Floor Study/Nursery•Lounge• Dining Room• Kitchen• Spacious Bathroom/Shower Room• Garage• Double Glazed• Gas Central Heating

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £173,000

Collett Road

Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached House• Lounge• Breakfast Kitchen• Dining Room• Ensuite To Master Bedroom• Family Bathroom• Garage• Downstairs W/C• Cul De Sac• Double Glazing• Driveway For Several Vehicles

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £165,950

Sutherland Grove

Semi Detached House• Three Bedrooms• Lounge• Dining Kitchen• Bathroom W/C• Playroom• Double Glazing• Gas Central Heating• Store Room• Front And Rear Gardens• Area To the Side

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £165,000

Ayrton Close

Semi Detached House• Three Bedrooms• Lounge• Dining Kitchen• Utility• Sitting Room• Double Glazing• Garage• Gas Central Heating• Parking For Several Vehicles

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £140,000

Stephenson Drive

Two Bedroom Extended Semi Detached House• Lounge• Dining Kitchen• Conservatory• Study Room• Utility Room• Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating•Driveway

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £130,000

Canterbury Drive

Two Bedroom Semi Detached House• Lounge• Dining Kitchen• Bathroom w/c• Double Glazing Gas Central Heating• Driveway For Parking•

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £114,500

Dean Court

Gallery Bungalow• One Bedroom• Lounge• Fitted Contemporary Kitchen• Conservatory• Double Glazing• Gas Central Heating• Bathroom• Front and Rear Gardens• NO UPWARD CHAIN

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £107,950

Piper Close

Two Bedroom First Floor Maisonette• Lounge/diner• Fitted Kitchen• Bathroom with Shower• Double Glazing• Garage En Bloc• Cul De Sac Location

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £90,000

Ennerdale Drive

One Bedroom House• Lounge• Kitchen With Dining Area•Bathroom W/C• Enclosed Rear Garden• Double Glazing• Gas Central Heating

PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £69,500

Severn Drive

50% Shared Ownership• Semi Detached Bungalow• Two Bedrooms• Lounge• Conservatory• Kitchen• Gas Central heating• Front And Rear Gardens

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PERTON £61,000

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OXLEY SNOWDON WAY

Modern 1 bedroom gallery bungalow in popular residential area. Offered as optionally furnished. Neutral decor, c/h & part d/glazed. Kitchen with appliances. Gallery bedroom with fitted wardrobe. Bathroom with shower. Available June!

Rent £395.00 P.C.M.

PENN FIELDS GOLDTHORN TERRACE

Delightful ground floor 1 bed flat with garden access and private parking a couple of miles from the City. Centrally heated, modern kitchen and shower room and unfurnished/part furnished. Quiet and well suited to single professional. Available mid June!

Rent £395.00 P.C.M

TETTENHALL ST MICHAELS COURT

Modern 2 double bedroom 2nd floor flat in quiet location close to A41 and Tettenhall village, neutral decor & carpets, D/G, E/H, fitted kitchen, bathroom with white suite and shower. Available early March Unfurnished.

Rent £425.00 Per Calendar Month

PERTON SHACKLETON DRIVE

A modern well presented u/f 2 bedroom semi with UPVC d/g & gas fired c/h. Good sized lounge, breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, modern white bathroom suite with shower, driveway plus garage. Available July!

Rent £525.00 P.C.M

LANESFIELD MILLPORT ROAD

A superbly presented unfurnished 1st floor new build 2 bed apartment forming part of a modern village and ideally located for public transport to Wolverhampton & Birmingham. C/H, D/G, private entrance & secure gated parking. Available NOW

Rent £525.00 P.C.M

PENN SWAN BANK

Truly delightful mid terraced period home offering modernised accommodation of front room, rear open kitchen/diner, two good bedrooms, first floor bathroom with shower, gas C/H, uPVC D/G, gardens to rear. Neutral decor throughout with plain carpets. U/F

Rent £550.00 P.C.M.

SEDGLEY SPRINGFIELD GROVE

Good size 3 Bed semi with D/G, C/H,fitted kitchen with all appliances included, bathroom with shower, spacious lounge/diner, driveway, good size rear garden, excellent local amenities, available immediately unfurnished.

Rent £595.00 P.C.M

LANESFIELD BEVERLEY CRESCENT

Spacious extended 3/4 bed semi detached in a quiet road offering excellent access to A4123 Birmingham New Road, Bilston & Wolverhampton. D/G, C/H, 2 bathrooms, study/bed 4 Available immediately, unfurnished.

Rent £595.00 P.C.M

COMPTON HOLLOWAY COURT

Stylish unfurnished 2 bedroom apartment available from June 2012, with d/g and c/h, spacious lounge, kitchen with integrated appliances, main bedroom with en-suite, secure parking and intercom entry, viewing highly recommended!

Rent £650.00 P.C.M

PENN COALWAY ROAD

Viewing highly recommended on this beautiful 1920's semi detached home with three good bedrooms offered FULLY FURNISHED available late June / July 2012. A stunning home with lovely gardens and all usual mod cons.

Rent £725.00 P.C.M

CASTLECROFT CASTLECROFT ROAD

A superb semi detached with three good bedrooms in a highly regarded area with good schools and amenities nearby. Fitted kitchen with some appliances and bathroom with shower. Tidy rear gardens, ample driveway with bollards. Available July 2012!

Rent £750.00 P.C.M

WIGHTWICK WIGHTWICK HALL ROAD

Delightful 3 DOUBLE bedroom unfurnished detached property, living room, separate dining room, rear lobby, breakfast kitchen with appliances, w/c and utility, off road parking plus garaging, panoramic views over farmland to rear. Available early July!

Rent £925.00 P.C.M

WOLVERHAMPTON ACKLETON

Internal inspection is required on this superb 4 bed barn with garage and gardens located in the pretty village of Ackleton equidistant from TELFORD & WOLVERHAMPTON. A lovely family home available NOW with some furnishings.

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Extended home in a cul-de-sac

A HOUSE in Barmouth Close, situated in Willenhall is on the market for £169,750 with L & S Prestige Estates who are marketing the extended, detached house.

In terms of location, the house is in a popular, quiet cul de sac in a sought after part of Willenhall – making for an ideal family home,close to local amenities and schools including New Invention Infants & Primary and Pool Hayes Primary and Senior School.

The house comprises an entrance hall, spacious lounge leading to a dining room extension, extended breakfast kitchen with utility area, three good-sized bedrooms, a modern family bathroom with shower, separate WC, garage, uPVC double-glazing and gas central heating throughout.

From the entrance hall, stairs lead to the first floor and access leads to the lounge measuring 20ft 1in x 12ft with an open fireplace with marble hearth, radiator, laminate flooring and glazed folding doors to the dining area.

Off the lounge is an area measuring 5ft x 5ft 4in with potential for use as a study area.

The dining room measures 12ft 1in x 8ft 5in and is included in the extended area of the house with French doors leading to the rear garden.

The kitchen measures 15ft x 8ft 4in and is fitted with a range of wall and base cupboards with complimentary worktops, a wine rack, pull out larder unit, tiled splashbacks, double Belfast style sink with mixer tap, integrated electric oven with gas hob and chimney extractor.

There is also space and plumbing for dishwasher, a double-glazed door to the rear garden, double-glazed window to the

rear, ceiling spotlights and ceramic tiled flooring plus separate utility.

On the first floor landing there is loft access and doors leading to three bedrooms, WC and a bathroom.

Each room includes a uPVC double-glazed window and central heating radiator.

Enclosed

The bathroom has a 'p' shaped panelled bath with electric shower, pedestal wash hand basin, a chrome ladder towel rail, upvc double-glazed window to the front elevation and vinyl flooring.

Outside there are fully enclosed rear gardens which are mainly laid to lawn with pedestrian side access and a decked patio. to the front is block-paved driveway with ample off-road parking and garage with an up-and-over door, electrics, lighting and uPVC double-glazed window to the side elevation.

To the front is a block paved driveway.

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• Bathroom with electric shower over bath
• Intercom system
• Communal drying area
£350 pcm

WEDNESFIELD
LICHWOOD ROAD
• Pleasantly appointed first floor apartment
• One bedroom
• Lounge
• Gas central heating and double glazing
• Fitted bathroom with shower
• Off road parking
• Available immediately
• DHSS welcome
£400 PCM

WILLENHALL
LEVESON STREET
• Spacious mid terraced property
• Three bedrooms
• Lounge & separate dining room
• Second sitting room
• Fitted kitchen with gas cooker
• Ground floor bathroom with first floor wc
• Gas central heating & double glazing
• Available April
£425 PCM

BILSTON
BUNKERS HILL LANE
• Traditional style semi detached property
• Three bedrooms
• Breakfast kitchen & rear lobby with shower
• Double glazing
• Central heating
• Lounge
• Off road parking
• Available early March
£450 PCM

WOLVERHAMPTON
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD EAST
• Purpose built ground floor apartment
• Two bedrooms
• Lounge with feature fireplace
• Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
• Bathroom with electric shower
• Communal garden
• Available immediately
£450 PCM

WEDNESFIELD
BICKFORD ROAD

• Traditional style mid terraced property
• Three bedrooms
• Lounge & separate dining room
• Fitted kitchen with washing machine & fridge freezer
• Downstairs bathroom with shower
• Low maintenance garden
• Available immediately
• Unfurnished
£450 PCM

WILLENHALL
GIPSY LANE
• Traditional style mid terrace property in popular location
• Two bedrooms
• Newly fitted kitchen
• Newly fitted bathroom with power shower
• Fully redecorated and carpeted throughout
• New central heating system
• Rear garden with lawn and patio areas
£450 PCM

TIPTON
RUGELEY CLOSE

• Modern style second floor canal side apartment
• Quiet residential cul-de-sac
• Two bed rooms
• Fully fitted kitchen with selected appliances
• Electric storage heating and double glazing
• Bathroom with shower
• Communal gardens
• Allocated parking bay for one car
£475 PCM

WEDNESFIELD, ASHMORE PARK
GRIFFITHS DRIVE
• Traditional style mid terraced property
• Three bedrooms
• Gas central heating
• Double glazing
• Lounge with laminate flooring
• Fitted kitchen with cooker
• Enclosed rear garden
• Unfurnished
£495 PCM

BILSTON
MILLCROFT
• Attractive three storey town house
• Convenient location close to Bilston town centre & metro
• Double glazed
• Fitted kitchen with cooker & fridge
• Three double bedrooms
• Bathroom with bath & shower
• Integral garage
• Easy maintenance gardens
£495 PCM

WILLENHALL, NEW INVENTION
LICHFIELD ROAD

- Spacious individually built detached property
- Open aspects to front & rear
- Three double bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Potential to extend and improve property
- Rear garden off road parking

Was £250,000 NOW £239,950

THE MANOR, WILLENHALL
BANKS STREET

- A splendidly appointed Victorian style semi
- Three first floor bedrooms plus second floor bedroom four/loft room
- Two reception rooms and cellar
- Stunning 26ft dining kitchen with appliances
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- 18ft luxury bathroom with Victorian style roll top bath
- Downstairs guest cloakroom with wc and basin
- Pleasant enclosed rear garden
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows

£235,000 MUST BE VIEWED!

WEDNESFIELD
BLUEBELL CRESCENT

- Pleasantly apointed modern detached property on corner plot
- Four bedrooms
- Master with en-suite shower room
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Breakfast kitchen and separate utility
- Garage & Off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden

Viewing essential

Offers in the region of £229,950

ESSINGTON
LARCHMERE DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed extended modern style detached residence
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge, separate 16ft extended dining room
- 16ft extended breakfast kitchen
- Stylish UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Utility room and downstairs guest cloakroom
- Lovely established rear garden
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazed windows
- Potential to extend at the side (stpp)

£229,950

WEDNESFIELD
BROAD LANE SOUTH

- A beautiful traditional style detached bungalow
- Much sought after location
- Two bedrooms
- UPVC D/glazing & Gas C/heating
- Double glazed conservatory
- Large enclosed rear garden
- Garage & off road parking

VIEWING IS A MUST!

£229,000

COPPICE FARM
HEBDEN GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed extended modern style detached property
- Four bedrooms, separate bedroom five/study with separate spiral staircase
- Two reception rooms plus play/sitting room
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Refitted breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Utility room and guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazed windows

£225,000 OFFERS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED

WOLVERHAMPTON
FINCHAM CLOSE

- Beautifully presented modern style detached residence
- Four bedrooms all with fitted wardrobes
- En-suite to master
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Lounge & separate dining room
- Garage (storage only) & off road parking
- Ideal family home must be viewed

Offers in the region of £215,000

WOLVERHAMPTON
BLACKBROOK WAY

- Pleasantly appointed link detached property
- Much sought after location close to local countryside
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
- Ample dining/kitchen
- Beautiful rear garden
- Garage & off road parking
- Viewing essential

Offers in the region of £162,500

WEDNESFIELD
HAWTHORNE ROAD

- Beautifully presented extended semi detached property
- Much sought after location Off Broad Lane South
- Three bedrooms, Master with en-suite shower cubicle
- UPVC double glazing & Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Ample dining kitchen with separate utility
- Pretty enclosed rear garden
- Garage & off road parking

WAS £155,000 NOW Offers in the region of £145,000

WOLVERHAMPTON
STAFFORD ROAD

- Beautiful traditional style bay fronted detached bungalow
- Corner plot - Gardens to front rear & side
- Two double bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Refitted bathroom
- Potential to extend (STPP), modernise &/or re-model
- No chain

Offers in the region of £145,000

COPPICE FARM
GURNARD CLOSE

- Much improved modern style extended semi detached residence
- Four bedrooms, or three bedrooms plus study
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazed windows
- Front lounge with feature fireplace
- Superb extended dining kitchen with appliances
- Splendid fitted luxury bathroom with corner
- Whirlpool bath and separate shower cubicle
- Garage and block paved driveway
- Enclosed rear garden

£142,500 OFFERS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED

WEDNESFIELD
HOLBERG GROVE

- Pleasant extended semi detached property
- Much sought after Lyndale Park development
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing & Gas central heating
- Fitted kitchen with separate utility
- Extended lounge & dining room
- Refitted bathroom
- Gravelled off road parking

NOW OIRO £139,995

WEDNESFIELD
MOATHOUSE LANE WEST

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- UPVC double glazing & gas cnetral heating
- First floor bathroom
- Ample enclosed rear garden
- Garage and off road parking
- Must be viewed

WAS £134,995 NOW £130,000 Stamp duty paid

COPPICE FARM
KESTREL GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- Two bedrooms, one with built-in wardrobes
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted dining kitchen with oven and hob
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Generous rear garden
- Ample off road parking

£130,000 OFFERS, IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE

WEDNESFIELD
WESTPORT CRESCENT

- Superb modern style semi detached property
- Popular Lyndale Park location
- Two bedrooms
- Fabulous refitted kicthen
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Must be viewed internally to be fully appreciated

Offers in the region of £125,000

WEDNESFIELD
WADDENSBROOK LANE

- Modern style detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- UPVC double glazing
- Fitted kitchen
- Front and rear gardens
- Detached garage and off road parking
- No chain, viewing essential

WAS £129,500 NOW £125,000

WEDNESFIELD
LICH AVENUE

- Extended semi detached property in popular Moathouse development
- Four bedrooms
- Potential to improve
- Double glazed windows
- Extended dining room & kitchen
- Sunroom/study
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Ideal family home

Offers in the region of £120,000

WILLENHALL
UPLANDS ROAD

- Traditional style double fronted detached bungalow
- In need of internal modernisation
- Excellent potential for improvement
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating system
- Part UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen and shower room
- Pleasant rear garden

£120,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN

WEDNESFIELD
HAWTHORNE ROAD

- Modern style semi detached property
- Much sought after location off Broad Lane South
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Part double glazing
- Potential to improve and/or re-model
- Pretty enclosed rear garden & Off Road parking

IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY!

Offers in the region of £118,500

WEDNESFIELD
NORDLEY ROAD

- Beautifully presented mid terraced property
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- 16ft lounge & upvc double glazed conservatory
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Refitted bathroom
- Ample enclosed rear garden with paved patio
- Off road parking, viewing essential

WAS £119,950 NOW £117,500

WEDNESFIELD, ASHMORE PARK
GRIFFITHS DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Popular Ashmore Park location
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Refitted shower room
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
- Landscaped rear garden
- Ample off road parking

Offers in the region of £115,000

WILLENHALL
CHALLENOR AVENUE

- Pleasantly appointed traditional style semi detached property
- Spacious accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating & double glazed windows
- Large enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL!

Offers in the region of £104,950

WEDNESFIELD, ASHMORE PARK
HIGGS ROAD

- Traditional style semi detached on corner plot
- Popular Ashmore Park development
- Two bedrooms
- 20' Through lounge
- Majority double glazed
- Sunroom
- Generous off road parking & garage
- Ideal first time purchase or buy to let

Offers in the region of £97,995

WEDNESFIELD
BEALEYS AVENUE

- Beautifully presented fully modernised mid town house
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Newly fitted gas fired central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Newly fitted carpets throughout
- Gravelled off road parking
- Ideal first time buy

Offers in the region of £95,000

FORDHOUSES
SLADE ROAD

- Traditional style mid town house offering spacious accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and separate dining room
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central hating
- Refitted kitchen
- Bathroom with wet room style shower
- No chain, viewing essential

Was £97,995 Now £94,995

FALLINGS PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON
LAMBERT ROAD

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Part double glazed windows
- Gas fired central heating
- 27ft through lounge/dining room
- Potential to improve and re-model
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage
- Ideal buy to let

£89,995 OFFERS

WEDNESFIELD
HYDE ROAD

- Traditional syle bay fronted semi detached
- In need of remodernisation
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Part gas central heating
- Gardens to front & rear
- Off road parking
- IDEAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Offers in the region of £84,995

WOLVERHAMPTON
LESLIE ROAD

- Traditional style mid terraced
- Two bedrooms
- Galley style kitchen
- Two reception rooms
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- No chain

WAS £64,950 NOW £59,995

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FINCHFIELD, WOLVERHAMPTON

FINCHFIELD ROAD

• Linked Detached Property • Four Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen Incorporating Dining Area • First Floor Family Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking & Garage • Rear Garden • Viewing Essential To Appreciate

£250,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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WOODHALL ROAD

• Extended Detached Family Home • Viewing Very Highly Recommended • Lounge • Sitting Room • Conservatory • Extended Dining Kitchen • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom With 5 Piece Suite • Garage &

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WYNN ROAD

• Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Room • Contemporary Kitchen • First Floor Family Bathroom • Entrance Porch & Utility Lobby • Rear Garden • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central

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CONISTON ROAD

• Semi Detached Property With Annex • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Room • Kitchen & Utility Room • First Floor Bathroom • Lounge / Kitchen / Bedroom / WC to Annex • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Fore & Rear Garden • Off Road Parking & Garage

£180,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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FINCHAM CLOSE

• Detached Property • Master Bedroom & En-Suite • Two Further Bedrooms • Open Plan Lounge & Dining Area • Contemporary Style Kitchen • First Floor Family Bathroom • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing As Stated • Off Road Parking & Garage • Fore & Rear Gardens

£179,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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BRAMSTEAD AVENUE

• Link Detached Bungalow • Two Double Bedrooms • Lounge & Kitchen • Contemporary Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking & Garage • Fore & Rear Gardens •

£174,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

BILSTON

CENTRAL AVENUE

• Traditional Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen & Utility Area • First Floor Bathroom • Groung Floor WC • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Driveway &

£174,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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SONNING DRIVE

• Contemporary Style Detached Property • Four Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Room • First Floor Family Bathroom • Ground Floor Guest WC • Contemporary Style Kitchen & Conservatory • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking & Garage • Corner Position With Gardens

£172,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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BRENTMILL CLOSE

• Modern Style Detached House • Viewing Highly Recommended • Lounge & Dining Room • Three Bedrooms • Modern Fitted Kitchen • Contemporary Bathroom • Garage & Workshop • Front & Rear Gardens

£164,995 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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GRANGE ROAD

Semi Detached Home • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen And Seperate Utility Room • Ground Floor En-suite Bedroom • Further Bedroom And Attic Room • Box Room • Bathroom With Sauna • Off-road Parking And Garage

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BUSHBURY LANE

• Modern Semi Detached Town House • Master With En-suite & Dressing Room • Two Further Double Bedrooms • Viewing Highly Recommended • Lounge - Dining Room • Fitted Breakfast Kitchen • Downstairs WC & Seperate Cloakroom • Family Bathroom / WC • Garage & Driveway • Front & Rear

£140,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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WINDSOR AVENUE

• Extended Semi detached Family Home • Viewing Highly Recommended • Dining Room • Extended Lounge / Sun Room • Extended Kitchen • Covered Veranda • Three Bedrooms • Family Bathroom • Double Glazing As

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ACKLETON GARDENS

• Modern Style Semi Detached Bungalow • Two Bedrooms • Lounge & Kitchen • Contemporary Shower Room • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Cul-de-sac Location • Rear Garden • Storage

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MOUNT ROAD

• Extended Semi Detached • Viewing Highly Recommended • Four Bedrooms • Extended Kitchen • Downstairs WC • Family Bathroom • Garage • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Fired Central Heating System

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KEMBERTON CLOSE

• Traditional Style End Terrace • Viewing Recommended • Through Lounge • Kitchen - Dining Room • Store Room • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom & WC • Store Room • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom & WC • Gardens To Front & Rear • Double Glazing As Stated • Cul-de-sac Location

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TRYSULL ROAD

• Viewing Highly Recommended • Traditional Semi Detached Home • Lounge • Contemporary Kitchen - Dining Room • Conservatory / Sun Room • Two Double Bedrooms • Upstairs Bathroom • Cottage-style Front & Rear Gardens • Double Glazing as Stated • Gas Central Heating System

OIRO £119,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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JEFFREY AVENUE

• Semi - Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Contemporary Style Kitchen • First Floor Family Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Garden To Rear • Off Road Parking •

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IRETON ROAD

• Semi Detached Bungalow Built In 2012 • Two Bedrooms • Lounge With French Doors To Rear • Contemporary Style Breakfast Kitchen • Bathroom With White Suite • Guest WC • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Fore & Rear Garden • Allocated Parking

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WORDSWORTH AVENUE

• Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Room • Kitchen & Utility Store • Family Bathroom With Seperate WC • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking To Fore •

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NELSON AVENUE

• Extended Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating • Off Road Parking • Rear Garden • Internal

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VIADUCT DRIVE

• Modern Style Semi Detached Property • Two Bedrooms • Lounge & Kitchen • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking • Rear Garden • No Onward Chain • Contemporary Style

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WINCHESTER ROAD

• Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Kitchen • First Floor Family Bathroom • Veranda • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking & Rear Garden • Viewing Essential

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LIME STREET

• Mid Terrace Property • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Contemporary Style Kitchen • Bathroom With White Suite • Utility Area • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System •

£100,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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PRIMROSE AVENUE

• Mid Terraced House • Three Bedrooms • Through Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen • First Floor Family Bathroom • Double Glazed As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking • No Upward Chain • Front

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GREENLY ROAD

• Semi Detached Dorma Bungalow • Two Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Room • Kitcehen • Groung Floor Shower Room • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Fore & Rear Gardens • Off Road

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SHALE STREET

• Mid Terrace Property • Well Presented • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Contemporary Style Kitchen • Ground Floor Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Rear Yard &

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CARISBROOKE ROAD

• Semi Detached Property • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Area • Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Off Road Parking • Garden To Rear • Viewing

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• Contemporary Style Second Floor Flat • Viewing Recommended • Spacious Hallway • Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen • Master Bedroom With En-Suite • Further Double Bedroom • Bathroom/Wc • Allocated Parking •

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KEATS ROAD

• End Terrace House • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Dining Area • Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • Ground Floor Guest WC • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating • Off Road Parking To Fore • Rear

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PRINCESS ANNE ROAD

• Three Bedroom Family Home • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Fired Central Heating System • Through Lounge / Dining Room • Modern Style Fitted Kitchen • Utility Room • Family Bathroom • Car Port & Storage Sheds To Side • Off Road Parking & Gardens • Viewing Highley Recommended

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• Mid Terrace Property • Entrance Hallway • Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms • Kitcehn • Ground Floor Bathroom • Rear Yard • Double Glazing As Stated • Gas Central Heating System • No Ongoing Chain

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AMBLESIDE CLOSE

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• Four Bed Mid Terraced • Kitchen With Seperate Utility Room • Bedroom 3 On ground Floor • Rear Garden • Warm Air Heating System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Third Floor Bathroom & Outside WC • Open Plan Lounge / Dining Room • Off Street Parking & Single Garage

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•Extended Four Bedroom Detached •Three Reception Rooms •Downstairs WC •First Floor Bathroom/Shower Room •Double Garage •Parking To Front & Rear •Viewing Is Essential

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•Modern Three Bedroom Detached •Three Reception Rooms •Kitchen With Utility •Master Bedroom With Dressing Area & En-Suite •Partially Converted Garage/Bedroom

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HALECROFT AVENUE

•Modern Three Bedroom Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Kitchen With Utlity Room •Master Bedroom With En-Suite Shower •Driveway And Garage

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LONGMOOR CLOSE

•Modern Three Bedroom Detached •Cul-De-Sac Location •Garage Converted into Bedroom 4 •Conservatory •Modern Kitchen With Utility •Ample Off Sreet Parking

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ROCESTER AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Bathroom •Shower Room •Kitchen/Dining Room •Off Street Parking At Front & Rear •Garage •Green Views To Rear

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PATTENHAM CLOSE

•Modern Three Storey Townhouse •Secure Cul-De-Sac Location •Master Bedroom With En-Suite Shower •Downstairs WC & First Floor Bathroom •Kitchen With Utility •Gated Off Street Parking •Viewing Is Recommended

£150,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

SQUIRES LOCK

SQUIRES GROVE

•Modern End Terraced •Three Bedrooms •Master Bedroom With En-Suite Shower •Downstairs WC •Two Parking Spaces •Enclosed Rear Garden

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•Immaculate Semi Detached •Cul-De-Sac Location •Three Bedrooms •Two Reception Rooms •Newly Fitted Kitchen •Off Street Parking •No Upward Chain

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CHATSWORTH CLOSE

••NEW INSTRUCTION••

•Modern Semi Detached •Two Bedrooms •Corner Plot •Conservatory •Parking & Garage •Front & Rear Gardens •Cul-De-Sac Location

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WODEN AVENUE

•Immaculate Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms •Master With En-Suite WC •Two Reception Rooms •Off Street

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BROAD LANE

•Immaculate Mid Terraced •Two Bedrooms •Two Reception Rooms •Modern Kitchen & Bathroom •Further Loft Space •Available With No Upward Chain

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SEATON CLOSE

•Modern Mid Terraced •Two Bedrooms •Conservatory •2 Allocated Parking Spaces •Cul-De-Sac Location •Enclosed Rear Garden

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WOOD END ROAD

•Re-Furbished Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms •Two Reception Rooms •Modern Kitchen •Modern Bathroom •Off Street Parking •Enclosed Rear Garden

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CANNOCK ROAD

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Downstairs WC •Upstairs Wet Room •Off Street Parking With Garage •No Upward Chain

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WOOD END ROAD

•Two Bedroom End Terraced •Sun Room •Modern Kitchen/Dining Room •Enclosed Rear Garden •Off Street Parking & Garage

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WOOD END ROAD

•Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge & Dining Room •Extended Kitchen •Good Sized Bedrooms •Rear Garden •Off Street Parking

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•Recently Improved •Two Bedroom Mid Terraced •Modern Kitchen •Modern Bathroom •Off Street Parking •No Upward

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WAKES CLOSE

•Modern Mid Terraced •Two Bedrooms •Enclosed Rear Garden •Ample Off Street Parking •No

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•Two Bedroom Semi Detached >Good Sized Corner Plot •Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room •Front, Side & Rear Gardens •No Upward Chain

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PRESTWOOD ROAD

•Three Bedroom Mid Terraced •Two Reception Rooms •Downstairs Bathroom •Modern Kitchen •No Upward Chain

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BEALEYS AVENUE

•Two Bedroom Top Floor Flat •Bathroom With Seperate WC •Sitting Area •Loft •Outbuilding •Green Views To Front

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11 Tameside Close, Willenhall, WV13 3DW

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We act on behalf of the mortgagees in possession and are in receipt of an offer of £65,000 subject to contract for this property.

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Petton Hall Barn, Shrewsbury

This superbly appointed barn conversion, was due to be completed in the forthcoming weeks. The developer, however, has decided to allow the eventual purchaser to put there own stamp on it, by selling it now, before build completion. The property set in the Shropshire countryside, is an eleven mile drive from Shrewsbury town centre. Lounge, reception twp, kitchen/family room, utility and downstairs cloaks. First floor has four bedrooms, one with ensuite bathroom, one with ensuite shower room and family bathroom. To the front the area will be landscaped.

Offers in Region of £425,000

Severn Drive, Perton

£160,000 **NO CHAIN**

A detached property with garage. The accomodation consists of lounge, dining area and kitchen downstairs, with three bedrooms and bathroom upstairs. There are front and rear gardens and off road parking.

10 Loak Road, Albrighton WV7 3HT,

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are acting for the mortgagees and have received an offer of £135,000 on 10 Loak Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton. WV7 3HT. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before exchange of contracts takes place.

Collett Road, Perton

£170,000

Three bedroom detached property with two reception rooms, kitchen, family bathroom garage, front and rear gardens. The property is in a sought after location in Perton.

Park Avenue, Wombourne

£160,000

Three bedroom semi detached house within cul-de-sac comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs wc, fitted bathroom, off road parking to front and detached garage.

Melrose Drive, Perton

£55,000 **NO CHAIN**

A ground floor studio flat comprising lounge, kitchen, dressing area and bathroom. There is parking for several cars.

Darelyn Park, Brewood Road

£75,000 **NO CHAIN**

A two bedroom detached park home comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating. Front and side gardens with off road parking.

Pendinas Drive, Codsall

£119,995 **NO CHAIN**

A two bedroom mid terrace property with cul de sac location, in need of updating. The accomodation comprises lounge, kitchen on the ground floor and two bedrooms and bathroom upstairs.

Sedgefield Grove, Perton

Offers Over £130,000 **NO CHAIN**

End terraced three bedroom property with garage comprising lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and single garage. There are front and rear gardens and off road parking. No chain

The Windrow, Perton

OIRO £160,000 **NO CHAIN**

This detached property has a cul de sac location on Perton's outer Parkway. The accomodation comprises lounge/dining and kitchen downstairs, with two bedrooms and shower room upstairs. The rear garden is laid mainly to lawn. There is also a garage and driveway.

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Tamar Grove, Perton

End terrace home, briefly consists of lounge, kitchen and conservatory, on the ground floor. Upstairs there are two bedrooms and bathroom. There is a rear garden with timber decking.

£115,000

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Spires Croft, Shareshill

An executive detached property located in the village of Shareshill situated within a cul-de-sac and with good access to the motorway network. The accommodation comprises lounge, double glazed conservatory, dining room, study, fitted kitchen, separate utility room, downstairs wc, four bedrooms, ensuite bathroom and a further bathroom. Front and rear mature gardens and a detached double garage to the side.

£335,000

Laurel Grove, Wolverhampton

Three bedroom extended detached property situated within a cul-de-sac location. The property has three reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, separate wc and ground floor wet room. With a 95ft rear garden and a garage. The property also benefits from double glazing and central heating.

£200,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Rochford Grove, Penn

£165,000

Three bedroom link detached property within cul-de-sac located in Penn. The property has two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, double glazed, gas radiator heating, 16ft garage and front and rear gardens.

Castlecroft Road, Finchfield

£150,000 MAKE US AN OFFER

Three bedroom semi-detached house comprising in brief, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, first floor family bathroom, driveway providing off road parking and rear garden. The property also benefits from central heating and double glazing.

Fenmere Close, Wolverhampton

£165,000

Four bedroom extended semi detached property situated in cul-de-sac location backing onto playing fields. The property has lounge, kitchen diner, conservatory and bathroom, with double glazed windows to the majority, gas fired heating and parking to the front.

Oxley Moor Road, Wolverhampton

£139,950 NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom detached property with detached garage having lounge, dining room and kitchen. The property has front and rear gardens as well as the great potential to extend, subject to local authority approval. No chain.

Codsall Road, Wolverhampton

£135,000

Excellent oppurtunity to acquire this two bedroom cottage which overlooks a park to the front and has far reaching views of Wolverhampton from the rear upstairs balcony and conservatory. The accommadation consists of lounge, kitchen diner, two bedrooms one with a dressing room /conservatory which opens up to the rear balcony, there is also a bathroom to the first floor, the property has a 100ft rear garden and parking to the rear. No chain.

Pinfold Grove, Penn

£155,000

Three bedroom traditional semi detached house with space to extend to the side and rear comprising two receptions rooms, kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroomand driveway with car port

Patshull Avenue, Wolverhampton

£140,000

No chain! Overlooking park is this three bedroom modern property with 15ft lounge, 15ft kitchen diner, 16ft, 11ft and 10ft bedrooms, bathroom, downstairs WC and ensuite to master bedroom

Kemberton Close, Wolverhampton

£125,000

Extended mid terraced house in the Finchfield area. The property briefly comprises lounge, breakfast kitchen, ground floor wet room, three bedrooms, bathroom with separate wc and front and rear gardens. No chain.

Swancote Drive, Penn

£110,000

Three bedroom semi detached comprises lounge, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, block paved driveway providing off road parking for several vehicles and enclosed gardens to rear.

Leveson Road, Wolverhampton

£100,000

Walking distance of fields,corner plot, views of farmalnd and no chain are just three of the features of this three bedroom semi detached property with two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom.

Glentworth Gardens, Wolverhampton

£100,000

No chain! Three bedroom terraced property with lounge, kitchen diner, bathroom and ground floor wc. The property has double glazed windows and gas radiator heating and front and rear gardens.

Ashbourne Road, Wolverhampton

£85,000

NO CHAIN! Two bedroom terraced property having undergone a refurbishment program including modern fitted kitchen as well as shower room. Central heating and double glazing.

Ploughmans Walk, Wolverhampton

£80,000

Three bedroom property briefly comprising of a kitchen diner, downstairs wc, modern kitchen, bathroom and rear garden. No chain.

Bushbury Lane, Wolverhampton

£80,000

Three bedroom terraced property with parking space to the front. The property has lounge, kitchen diner, bathroom and ground floor wc as well as a double glazed veranda to the rear.

27 Whernside Drive, Wolverhampton WV6 0TJ,

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Alice Street, Bilston

£62,950

No chain! Two bedroom ground floor flat located within an modern development. The pproperty has 13ft lounge, 10ft recently ffitted kitchen, bathroom and recently fitted hot water system. There is a communal secure gated parking area with this flat.

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BROOKLYN GROVE
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- Quietly positioned tradtional semi detached house
- Hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, rear lobby with store
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking and enclosed garden to the rear

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CENTRAL DRIVE
COSELEY

- Well presented traditional built ground floor flat
- Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, sitting/dining area
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Enclosed low maintenance garden to

£75,000

STEVEN DRIVE
COSELEY

- Immacuately presented & improved mid townhouse
- Hall, lounge, luxury refitted kitchen & conservatory
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking & decked garden to rear

£105,000

PICKWICK PLACE
BILSTON

- Purpose built first floor apartment in cul-de-sac location
- Private entrance, lounge & kitchen
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Parking area, viewing recommended

£67,500

HARDY SQUARE
PARKFIELDS

- Attractively presented traditional semi in convenient location
- Entrance hall, sitting room, fitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking, delightful gardens to rear

£105,000

ST CHADS ROAD
BILSTON

- Traditional mid terraced house in need of some modernisation
- Offers good sized living accommodation
- Hall, lounge, kitchen, rear lobby with WC
- Three bedrooms, shower room, enclosed

£65,000 - No Upward Chain

HAWTHORN ROAD
WOLVERHAMPTON

- A traditonal extended semi
- Lounge, spacious sitting/dining room, kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms
- Parking, carport and garden

£125,000

BECKETT STREET
BILSTON

- A traditional detached house offering character
- Entrance porch & hall, lounge with arch to dining area
- Kitchen, two double bedrooms & bathroom
- Generous rear garden with parking

£110,000

MELDON DRIVE
BILSTON

- Well presented traditional semi on generous corner plot
- Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen, side entry
- 3 bedrooms & bathroom
- Parking, gardens to front, side & rear

£107,000

PACE CRESCENT
BILSTON

- Well presented extended mid terraced house
- Hall, two reception rooms, extended kitchen
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking & enclosed

£105,000

CUMBERLAND ROAD
BILSTON

- Well presented detached house
- Pporch & hall, two reception rooms, kitchen
- Conservatory, three bedrooms & bathroom • Parking, garage & gardens

£169,000

BULGER ROAD
BILSTON

- End terraced house situated close to Bilston Centre
- Hall, lounge, dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking, garage & gardens

£99,995

EDWARD STREET
PARKFIELDS

- Traditional mid terraced in need refurbishment
- Two reception rooms, kitchen & bathroom
- Three bedrooms to first floor

£59,995

PIRBRIGHT CLOSE
BILSTON

- First floor apartment in convenient location
- Shared entrance hall, private hall
- Lounge, kitchen, double bedroom & bathroom
- Communal garden & off road

£58,000

NEWMAN PLACE
BILSTON

- Traditional mid terraced house in need of modernisation
- Entrance hall, two reception rooms & kitchen
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking & enclosed

£75,000

HANNAH ROAD
BILSTON

- Traditional semi detached in need of some updating
- Hall, two reception rooms, kitchen
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Gardens to the front & rear

£79,995

VERNON ROAD
BILSTON

- A traditional semi detached with no upward chain
- Hall, lounge, fitted dining kitchen
- 3 bedrooms & first floor bathroom
- Gardens to the front & rear

£74,950

ST MARTINS TERRACE
BILSTON

- Deceptively spacious first floor flat
- Lounge and breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms plus bathroom
- Communal gardens
- Viewing recommended

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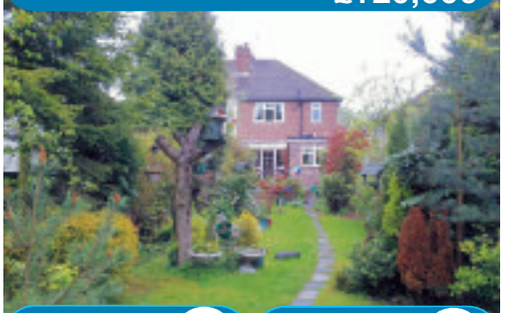

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Three bedroom semi-detached house Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) Two reception rooms Extended kitchen Large rear garden No upward chain

PRIMROSE LANE OLD FALLINGS — OFFERS OVER: £120,000

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Modern three bedroom detached house Gas fired central heating & Double glazed windows Living/Dining room overlooking the rear garden Fitted kitchen Bathroom with modern white suite Front, side and rear gardens Garage and driveway

PADDOCK VIEW DUNSTALL PARK — PRICE: £124,950

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BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom semi-detached house Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (where specified) Ground floor W/C Two reception rooms Fitted kitchen Garage No upward chain

WELLINGTON AVENUE BRADMORE — PRICE: £137,500

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

Two bedroom semi-detached house Gas fired central heating (where specified) Two reception rooms Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom Two good sized bedrooms Enclosed rear garden

ARGYLE ROAD BLAKENHALL — PRICE: £145,000

NEW

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom semi-detached house • UPVC double glazed windows and gas fired central heating (where specified) • Lounge and dining room • Newly fitted kitchen • Ground floor WC • Modern fitted bathroom • Conservatory • Garage

OXBARN AVENUE BRADMORE — PRICE £159,950

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom semi detached house Gas fired central heating and majority double glazing Living room Modern fitted dining kitchen Conservatory Utility/storage room Study Driveway and gardens

BUSHBURY LANE BUSHBURY — PRICE £95000

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BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom semi detached house NO UPWARD CHAIN Gas fired central heating Two reception rooms Kitchen Bathroom Brick built outhouses Front and rear gardens

SCHOOL LANE BUSHBURY — PRICE: £99950.00

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom mid terrace house Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) Two reception rooms Fitted kitchen Shower room
NO UPWARD CHAIN

BUSHBURY LANE BUSHBURY — PRICE: £72,950

NEW

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom terrace house Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows (as specified) Two reception rooms Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom No upward chain

BICKLEY ROAD BILSTON — PRICE: £84,995

NEW PRICE

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

Two bedroom modern bungalow Gas fired central heating and UPVC double glazed windows (as specified) Living room Modern fitted kitchen Bathroom with white suite Driveway and gardens

BELMONT ROAD PENN — RENT: £550PCM

NEW

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

Two bedroom terrace house Unfurnished Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom First floor bathroom Front and rear gardens

GOLDTHORN HILL GOLDTHORN — RENT: £590.00

NEW

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Traditional three bedroom semi-detached house Unfurnished Gas fired central heating and UPVC double glazed windows (as specified) Two reception rooms Fitted kitchen Bathroom with white suite Good sized rear garden Driveway

CAMELLIA GARDENS PENDEFORD — RENT £550.00

NEW

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

Three bedroom semi detached house Unfurnished Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows Fitted breakfast kitchen Bathroom with shower Driveway and gardens

ALBION STREET WOLVERHAMPTON — RENT £525 PCM

NEW

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

• Two bedroom first floor apartment • Unfurnished • Electric heating and double glazed windows • Living room • Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom • Ensuite shower room • Allocated parking space.

NASH AVENUE PERTON — RENT £650 PCM

BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1

Two bedroom modern detached bungalow Unfurnished Gas fired central heating and double glazed windows Living room Modern fitted kitchen with cooker Modern fitted bathroom with shower Garage and driveway Enclosed rear garden

BARCLAY COURT COMPTON ROAD — RENT £385 PCM

BEDROOMS 1 BATHROOMS 1

One bedroom first floor flat Close to the city centre FURNISHED Fitted kitchen and bathroom with shower Living room and double bedroom Parking

TETTENHALL ROAD WOLVERHAMPTON — RENT £395 PCM

NEW

BEDROOMS 1 BATHROOMS 1

One bedroom first floor flat Unfurnished Gas fired central heating Fitted Kitchen with appliances Bathroom with shower Parking

HUGHES AVENUE BRADMORE — RENT: £550 PCM

BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS 1

• Three bedroom semi detached house • Unfurnished • Gas fired heating and double glazed windows • Living room • Modern fitted kitchen • Bathroom with shower • Front and rear gardens

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WIGHTWICK

NEW

Impressive four bedroom two bathroom detached residence situated in premium location and enjoying a good size landscaped private garden being extended and restyled to create spacious well appointed family accommodation the gas centrally heated and mainly double glazed interior further comprises:
Double Glazed Reception Porch to Spacious Entrance Hall Fitted Cloakroom Study Good Size Living Room Separate Dining Room Magnificent Double Glazed Conservatory Feature Breakfast Kitchen with extensive suite of matching units including integrated appliances Laundry Utility Room Detached Double Width Garage

17 Perton Road _ £695,000

WIGHTWICK

Occupying a choice position in a select cul de sac this distinctive detached property has been thoughtfully restyled by the present owners to create a most impressive and luxury family home. Refurbished to incorporate a superior quality of fittings throughout viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this truly superb example of a spacious family house which further comprises:
Entrance Hall with Fitted Cloakroom Living Room with Inglenook fire place Double Glazed Conservatory Separate Sitting/ Dining Room Feature Open Plan Dining Kitchen with extensive suit of matching units including integrated appliances Utility Garage Galleried Landing Four Double Bedrooms Luxury Ensuite with Dressing Area Well Appointed Family Bathroom Separate W.C. Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Leaded Double Glazing Split Level Landscaped Mature Rear Garden

8 Firsway - £495,000

FINCHFIELD

Situated in a popular residential area and within easy walking distance of Bantock Park and having excellent schools and shops close at hand this attractive detached property is a superb example of a family home. Extended and restyled this distinctive character property provides a host of attractive and period features throughout.
Entrance Hall Choice of Two Good Size Living Rooms Dining Room with archway to Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units and integrated appliances Side Entrance with W.C. Spacious Feature Landing Four Bedrooms Family Bathroom with period style white suite Garage Mature Enclosed Good Size Rear Garden Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing

49 York Avenue - £375,000

TETTENHALL

Reduced to a very realistic asking price for a quick sale this most attractive detached property has been restyled to provide a host of charming features and is situated for the majority of amenities. Located in a favoured residential area and being an excellent example of a family home, the well appointed and spacious accommodation further comprises Reception Porch to Entrance Hall Fitted Cloakroom Charming Living Room Separate Sitting Room Feature Breakfast Kitchen with extensive suite of matching units and integrated appliances Dining Room Garage with Utility Area Four Double Bedrooms Shower Room Luxury Family Bathroom Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed Attractive Landscaped Private Rear Garden EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY AT ONLY £365,000

14 Cranmere Avenue - £365,000

TETTENHALL

REDUCED

Situated in a popular residential area of Tettenhall occupying a corner cul de sac position this most desirable detached bungalow is surprisingly spacious offering a host of attractive features throughout. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the interior which further comprises:
Reception Porch to Entrance Hall with Stores Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units Utility Dining Room Charming Living Room Three Bedrooms with master having ensuite Family Bathroom Good Size Driveway leading to Detached Double Garage Landscaped Private Rear Garden Gas Central Heating

11d Wrekin Drive - £349,500

LOWER PENN

Individually designed three bedroom detached property occupying a delightful rural setting with extensive views over surrounding countryside at rear set well back off the road the spacious interior includes:
Reception Hall with Cloaks Good Size Living Room Separate Dining Room Conservatory ❞ Breakfast Kitchen Three Good Size Bedrooms Large Bathroom Two Single Garages Picturesque Surrounding Gardens 8 Gas Central Heating

The Lawns, Radford Lane - £339,000

WIGHTWICK

REDUCED

Drastically reduced for quick sale with part exchange considered this individually designed three double bedroom two bathroom detached bungalow represents a rare opportunity. Deceptive externally viewing of the spacious accommodation is essential.
Entrance HallOpen Plan Living Room with Dining AreaDayroom Fitted Kitchen with Integrated AppliancesFamily BathroomAttractive Oak effect Double Glazed ConservatoryGas Central Heating & Mainly Double GlazingGaragePrivate Mature Rear Garden

4 Perton Brook Vale - £289,950

WIGHTWICK

NEW

Occupying a cul de sac position in a favoured residential location this four bedroom detached property represents an excellent opportunity for purchasers requiring a house to restyle to own requirements. Offered at a realistic price for a quick sale the property further comprises:
Entrance Hall with Fitted Cloakroom Living Room Dining Room Fitted Kitchen with Utility off Bathroom Garage & Carport Mature Rear Garden Gas Central Heating & Part Double Glazed

10 Ravensholme - £249,000

COMPTON

NEW

Occupying a choice position in a small select cul de sac this deceptive detached property has been built to a superior design providing versatile living accommodation ideal as a family house. The well planned specification incorporates the option of a downstairs bedroom with the benefit of a fitted cloakroom adjacent which could be ideal for an aged relatives etc.
Entrance Hall Fitted Cloakroom/ Utility Good Size Living Room Separate Dining Room Sitting Room/ Bedroom Four Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units Landing Three Bedrooms all with built in wardrobes Ensuite & Family Bathroom Detached Double Garage Mature Surrounding Gardens Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed

1 Alderdale - £239,500

PENDEFORD

REDUCED

Occupying a pleasant cul de sac position on a popular modern development having the majority of amenities close at hand and within easy access of the M54 for commuting to principal towns this detached property is a fine example of a family house. Designed to utilize the maximum space the well planned living accommodation includes
Entrance Hall Living Room Separate Dining Room Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units Utility Fitted Cloakroom Four Bedrooms Two Bathrooms Garage Enclosed Rear Garden Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing

4 Coombe Croft - £174,950

PENN

REDUCED

Particularly attractive three bedroom semi detached property occupying a corner position with mature surrounding gardens. Situated in a popular residential area and convenient for the majority of amenities the accommodation includes:
Entrance Hall Living Room Dining Room Fitted Kitchen Three Bedrooms Luxury Bathroom Detached Garage Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing Excellent Opportunity at £167,500

136 Coalway Road - £167,500

FINCHFIELD

NEW

Situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities including schools and shops this semi detached house has been restyled to create a most attractive interior.
Entrance Hall Living Room Feature Open Plan Dining Kitchen with matching suite of units and integrated appliances Three Bedrooms Well Appointed Bathroom Enclosed Rear Garden Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing

21 Oak Hill - £159,950

TETTENHALL

This two bedroom bungalow occupies a choice position on a small exclusive development within easy walking distance of Tettenhall Village and the amenities therein. An ideal retirement home the accommodation further comprises:
Entrance Hall with Stores Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units Living Room Separate Dining Room/ Bedroom Master Bedroom Bathroom Attractive Landscaped Surrounding Gardens
Offered at a very attractive asking price of £189,000

37 Hanover Court - £189,000

CODSALL

Traditional Detached Bungalow conveniently located for Birches Bridge and the amenities therein, viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this excellent opportunity at on £155,000. The bungalow further comprises:
Porch to Living Room Fitted Kitchen Two Bedrooms Bathroom Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing Enclosed Rear Garden

160 Birches Road - £155,000

FALLINGS PARK

Situated in an established residential area convenient for the majority of amenities this deceptive semi detached property is a fine example of a family house. Originally constructed to a traditional design providing versatile living accommodation the property has been extended and now comprises
Entrance Hall Two Reception Rooms Breakfast Room/ Study Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units Three Bedrooms Well Appointed Bathroom with white suite Garage Mature Rear Garden Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed

569 Cannock Road - £135,000

BRADMORE

Situated in a popular residential area having the majority of amenities close at hand and within easy access of the city centre this semi detached property represents an excellent opportunity for buyers requiring a property to restyle to own requirements.
Entrance Hall Full Width Living Room Kitchen Three Bedrooms Bathroom Garage Enclosed Rear Garden

10a Victoria Road - £120,000

FORDHOUSES

Occupying a ground floor position on this small select development convenient for commuting to principal towns this well appointed apartment has been restyled to provide a most attractive interior. Viewing is highly recommended the accommodation further comprises:
Entrance Hall Charming Living Room with marble fire place Smart Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units Two Bedrooms Bathroom with luxury suite Outside Brick Stores Garage in Separate Block Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing

3 Springfield Court, Springfield Lane - £99,000

TETTENHALL

Situated in a choice position on a small exclusive development and within easy walking distance of Tettenhall Village and the amenities therein this first floor flat represents an excellent opportunity and having the benefit of 24hr emergency services.
Offered on a shared ownership basis at a very realistic price the Gas centrally heated accommodation further comprises:
Entrance Hall Landing with good size stores L Shaped Living Room Kitchen Two Bedrooms Coloured Bathroom Allocated Off Road Parking

14 Hanover Court - £92,500

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Substantial Detached Dormer Bungalow of exceptionally spacious layout, set well back from the road in impressive grounds extending to about two-thirds of an acre. Superbly proportioned accommodation of adaptable arrangement, eminently suitable for comfortable family living and offering scope for some upgrading. Four large Reception Rooms. Garden Room. 19ft Breakfast Kitchen with adjacent Utility Room. Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes and En-suite Shower Room. Three further Bedrooms (two with wardrobes). Bathroom and fully fitted independent Shower Room. Gas-fired central heating. Virtually full double glazing. 50ft Garage plus generous additional parking. Lovely mature gardens enjoying good degree of privacy. Range of outbuildings providing Workshops, Leisure Room with Hot Tub and 23ft Conservatory.

OFFERS AROUND £479,950

CODSALL WOOD

Superb dormer bungalow residence on impressive wide plot in lovely semi-rural setting with fine countryside views over adjacent farmland and convenient access into the conurbation Very spacious 4/5 Bedroomed accommodation of flexible layout (including scope to incorporate dependent's annexe) and appointed to particularly comfortable standard Fitted Cloaks / Shower Room off Hall Large Lounge with distinctive marble fireplace 20ft Dining Room plus additional Sitting Room Conservatory Kitchen incorporating range of integrated appliances Versatile 20ft Reception Room / Bedroom with Bathroom en-suite Further ground floor double Bedroom Large Master Bedroom with extensive fitted furniture and en-suite Bathroom Two further first floor Bedrooms Gas-fired central heating Double glazed windows Garaging for three / four cars plus forecourt parking Generous landscaped gardens.

OFFERS AROUND £435,000

FINCHFIELD

Unique detached residence of exceptionally spacious design, recently built in mature setting of much favoured neighbourhood in the city's highly popular western suburbs with excellent local amenities Superb four-storey accommodation with striking individual features and lavishly appointed contemporary specification incorporating high tech facilities Fitted Cloakroom off Hall 25ft Living Room 17ft Study / Playroom 25ft Living / Dining Kitchen with fine range of fittings Utility / Laundry and second fitted Cloakroom Large Master Bedroom with walk-in wardrobe and stylish Shower Room en-suite Three further Bedrooms (one with lovely external Balcony commanding impressive outlook) Two luxuriously appointed independent Bath / Shower Rooms Gas-fired central heating Double glazed windows Garage plus forecourt parking Attractively landscaped 140ft rear garden Overall plot size roughly one-fifth of an acre (additional area of land available by separate negotiation).

OFFERS AROUND £399,950

TETTENHALL

Exceptionally attractive Detached residence in elegant mock Tudor style, favourably positioned within exclusive cul-de-sac location with convenient access to the nearby Upper Green and an excellent selection of amenities. Extended accommodation of surprisingly spacious layout and stylish presentation, particularly well suited to comfortable modern family living. Fitted Cloakroom off Hall. Large Lounge (approx 240 sq ft). Separate Dining Room. Superb Conservatory. Impressively appointed Breakfast Kitchen. Master Bedroom with luxurious Bathroom en-suite. Three further Bedrooms. House Bathroom including shower. Gas-fired central heating. Double glazed windows. Double width garage plus generous forecourt parking facilities. Beautifully landscaped gardens provide pretty setting.

OFFERS AROUND £325,000

WOMBOURNE

ORTON LANE Stylishly upgraded, expensively appointed and attractively designed 3 Bed Detached in exclusive village setting, conveniently placed for excellent local facilities and schools Worth interior inspection to appreciate overall quality of upgrade Reception Hall Fitted Guest's Cloaks Lounge with contemporary style wall mounted electric fire Open plan Dining Area and superbly fitted Kitchen with 'Oak' units and onyx work tops 3 good Bedroom, some with wardrobes Stunning Bathroom with roll top bath Garage Gas CH and uPVC double glazing Sizeable rear garden with extensive timber decking

OFFERS AROUND £305,000

CODSALL

Attractive modern-style detached residence in pleasant cul-de-sac setting enjoying mature wooded aspects and with the village centre and railway station in conveniently close proximity Neatly presented accommodation of well proportioned layout and comfortable standard of appointment Fitted Cloakroom off Hall Bow-windowed Lounge Open plan to Dining Room Nicely fitted Kitchen plus excellent 16ft Utility / Laundry Master Bedroom with stylish en-suite Shower Room Three further Bedrooms, all with built-in wardrobes 20ft Bathroom with five-piece suite Majority gas-fired central heating Double glazed windows 27ft Garage plus block-paved forecourt parking Neat lawned gardens.

OFFERS AROUND £269,950

FINCHFIELD

Particularly attractive cottage-style detached residence enviably located in one of the most sought after positions within this much favoured locality. Individually designed accommodation, a little dated in some respects and offering scope for some upgrading and enlargement. Porch and Hall. Two interlinking Living Rooms (29ft overall). Kitchen including oven / hob / hood. Three well proportioned Bedrooms (two with ranges of fitted furniture). Modern Shower Room and separate Toilet. Gas-fired central heating. Virtually full double glazing. Two driveways, one to side parking / storage facility, other to Garage also incorporating Laundry Area and fitted Cloakroom. Mature garden with good degree of privacy. Interesting project in prime setting.

OFFERS AROUND £259,950

BREWOOD

Modern-style detached house tucked away in prime setting within short walking distance of the centre of highly favoured village neighbourhood. Attractively arranged accommodation, nicely presented with comfortably appointed specification. Hall with fitted Cloakroom. Spacious 17ft Lounge with feature fireplace. 15ft Dining Room. 15ft Kitchen with extensive range of fittings. Three Bedrooms (two with wardrobes). Bathroom featuring both bath and separate shower cubicle. Gas-fired central heating. Mostly double/part secondary glazing. Double length Garage. Generous garden plots front and rear are particularly appealing.

OFFERS AROUND £259,950

PENN

Imposing Victorian Semi-Detached Villa residence of delightful quality, pleasantly positioned with open rear aspect onto allotments and enjoying easy direct access into the city centre. Superbly spacious three-storey accommodation maintaining distinctive period character whilst impressively presented with stylish decor and excellent standard of appointment. Fitted Cloakroom off Hall. 29ft combined open plan Living Room. 19ft Breakfast Kitchen with extensive fittings and adjoining Utility/Laundry. Four large Double Bedrooms. Study/Nursery. Lavish Bathroom and luxurious fully fitted Shower Room. Gas-fired central heating. Double glazed windows. Paved forecourt parking facilities. Lovely landscaped garden extending almost 100ft to rear incorporating feature decking and patios etc.

OFFERS AROUND £245,000

PENN

Modern-style detached residence in elevated setting at end of popular cul-de-sac in this consistently popular locality. Tidily presented accommodation of well proportioned layout, comfortably appointed whist offering scope for a little updating. Fitted Cloakroom off Hall. Two interlinking reception rooms. Four Bedrooms. Kitchen and Bathroom providing potential for upgrading in accordance with personal taste. Gas-fired central heating. UVPC-framed double glazed windows. Garage and forecourt parking. Attractively landscaped gardens.

OFFERS AROUND £235,000

CASTLECROFT

Spacious detached residence tucked away in small private drive within the highly favoured western outskirts of the city and well placed to access excellent choice of amenities Generously proportioned accommodation, very original in specification, now needing complete scheme of modernisation and refurbishment Considerable potential to be exploited Fitted Cloakroom off Hall Particularly large open plan Living Area (easily divisible to create two rooms) Breakfast Kitchen with adjacent Utility / Laundry Four good-size Bedrooms Basic Bathroom Gas-fired central heating Garage and Carport Garden plot in need of landscaping.

OFFERS AROUND £235,000

OFF COMPTON ROAD

Superb three-storey Victorian terraced villa residence of substance and character, pleasantly positioned in fashionable locality within one mile of the City Centre. Particularly spacious accommodation attractively presented with lovely blend of comfortable modern appointments, original features and authentic period styling. Minton-tilled Hall. Quaint cellar games room. Three spacious living rooms. Nicely fitted kitchen with adjoining utility. Five well proportioned bedrooms. Ground floor shower room. First floor bathroom. Gas-fired central heating. Double Glazed windows. Neatly landscaped gardens. Four car garage/workshop.

OFFERS AROUND £225,000

PENN

Modern-style detached residence particularly well positioned in select small cul-de-sac opposite open parkland and within convenient walk of excellent local amenities Generously proportioned accommodation in need of extensive updating and upgrading to realise full potential Fitted Cloakroom off Hall Spacious Lounge Separate Dining Room Basic Kitchen (approx 14' x 8') Four good Bedrooms Dated Bathroom Majority gas-fired central heating Virtually full double glazing 27ft Garage plus driveway parking facilities Gardens including feature paved patio areas.

OFFERS AROUND £219,950

CODSALL

Extended link detached residence at end of cul-de-sac within conveniently short distance of the village centre with its excellent local amenities. Spacious living accommodation, generally well appointed but offering scope for a bit of updating to extract full potential. Fitted Cloakroom off Hall. Large Living Room with patio door to Conservatory. 18ft Breakfast Kitchen with excellent range of fittings and informal Dining Area. Three good Bedrooms. Nicely fitted Bathroom. Gas-fired central heating. Double glazed windows. Garage plus forecourt parking facilities. Enclosed garden, hard landscaped for ease of maintenance and not overlooked from rear.

OFFERS AROUND £179,950

CODSALL

Extended traditional-style semi on the outskirts of ever popular village neighbourhood renowned for excellent local amenities and easy access into Wolverhampton conurbation. Enlarged layout provides ideal basis for comfortable family home, neatly presented but with excellent further potential to be exploited. Porch and Hall. Superb 22ft Living Room with patio doors. Separate Sitting/Dining room. Breakfast Kitchen incorporating informal dining area and good range of fittings. Three Bedrooms. Basic Bathroom. Gas-fired central heating. UVPC-framed double glazed windows. 20ft Garage plus rear Utility Room. Nice 95ft westerly aspect garden including extensive feature patio.

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

PATTINGHAM

Smart modern-style terraced townhouse in mews courtyard setting within short distance of the village centre and its excellent local amenities Surprisingly spacious accommodation, most attractively presented with impressively upgraded specification 19ft Lounge Separate Dining Hall Stylish Conservatory Superbly appointed Kitchen including integrated appliances Three Bedrooms Neat white Bathroom including shower Gas-fired central heating Double glazed windows Forecourt parking plus Garage (presently converted to store and Office / Gym with internal access) Enclosed rear garden with feature patio.

OFFERS AROUND £154,950

PENN

Traditional end-Terrace residence of attractive cottage styling offering extended accommodation with impressive standard of appointment. Inspection essential to appreciate roomy interior with stylish decor and very comfortable specification. Porch and Hall. Superb 26ft open plan Living room. Breakfast lobby leading to spacious Kitchen with excellent range of fittings and integrated oven/hob/hood. Two generously proportioned Double Bedrooms. Smart white contemporary-style Bathroom. Gas-fired central heating. Double glazed windows. Driveway parking and narrow garage /store. Enclosed rear garden including feature timber-decked patio area.

OFFERS AROUND £139,950

MERRY HILL

Neat modern-style terraced townhouse in pleasant setting within very popular locality, particularly well served by excellent selection of convenient amenities. Nice example of its type with attractively improved specification of considerable appeal. Two interlinking Living Rooms. Stylishly appointed Kitchen. Built-in wardrobes in two of the three Bedrooms. Fully tiled Bathroom including shower. Gas-fired central heating. UVPC-framed double glazed windows. Lovely 65ft garden is particularly pleasant feature. Garage in adjacent court.

OFFERS AROUND £127,500

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Thoroughly charming Victorian terraced villa residence in pleasant setting backing onto sports field and very conveniently positioned within a mile of the city centre Particularly stylishly presented accommodation combining excellent contemporary appointments with retained period character to delightful effect Two Living Rooms, each with authentic feature fireplace Elegant modern Kitchen with range of integrated appliances Two double Bedrooms Smart white Bathroom including shower Gas-fired central heating Double glazed windows Attractively landscaped garden with open aspect beyond Fine example of its type!

OFFERS AROUND £124,950

BRADMORE

Two Bedroom terraced residence situated in close proximity to an excellent range of local amenities and with easy access into the city centre. Well proportioned accommodation, presented in good basic order, but allowing scope for some upgrading. Two separate Living Rooms. Kitchen. Ground floor Shower Room. Two good-sized Bedrooms. Gas-fired central heating. Rear yard with garden area, in need of a little attention.

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Mitsubishi delivers a successor

Style and substance – Mitsubishi's ASX offers acres of room and extra driving height to ensure a great motoring experience for the driver and passengers

IF YOU are in the market to buy a crossover type vehicle you will probably head straight for Nissan and look at the Qashqai as it is the market leader, but and it is a big but, I would like you to consider having a look at the Mitsubishi ASX.

The name Mitsubishi immediately creates visions of superb off-road vehicles almost akin to Land Rover in their ability to go anywhere and do anything.

Think Mitsubishi and you might think Shogun or Outlander and in fact it is the Outlander that has most of the pedigree for the ASX.

The ASX is actually built on the same platform as the Outlander so practicality and versatility are some of the key features of the ASX. The wheelbase is the same as the Outlander the passenger space in the ASX is superb, absolutely acres of space for a family to enjoy the vehicle and of course

By Bob Hickman

with the extra ride height that this type of vehicle gives you it makes for enjoyable driving for all members of the family.

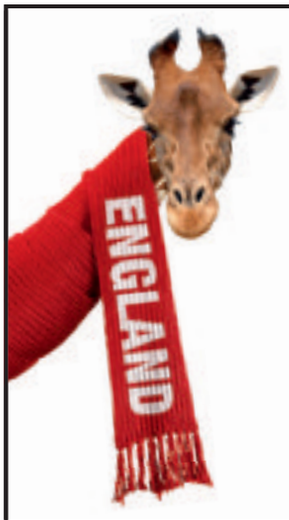
I have to be honest and I need to get it out of the way early on in the report that I fell in love with the ASX, it is one of those vehicles that as soon as I sat in it I felt immediately comfortable. The awful cliché that everything felt to hand is just so correct with this particular vehicle. Rarely in the past and I must drive dozens and dozens of vehicles a year have I felt so immediately comfortable.

It had of course an added bonus that it is possible to choose between two and 4WD and Mitsubishi delivered the vehicle to me just prior to Easter when we had that deluge of snow and as a trip to the Peak District was planned. What better vehicle to take myself and family to the Peak District?

I think I have said this before, if I was buying this type of vehicle I would always go for the 4WD option. I cannot see the point in buying this type of vehicle merely as a 2WD, it is almost 'look at me look at what I have got'. To me the 4WD option which is on the ASX is electronically controlled, so you have the economy of running it normally in 2WD but when the going gets tough electronically you can switch to 4WD motion.

There is a choice of two engines, a 1.6-litre petrol producing 115 bhp or as in my case a 1.8-litre turbo diesel producing a very healthy 147 bhp. A five-speed manual gearbox is fitted to the petrol and the diesel has a six-speed manual gearbox, the diesel is also available with an electronically controlled 4WD system.

The level of equipment on the whole of the range is quite extensive for example standard includes alloy wheels and air conditioning auto/stop and go. With prices starting at £15,999 and toppingt at £24,699 for the ASX4 diesel 4 x 4, you will find a vehicle that should tick all the boxes.



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Nissan's Track Pack helps put supercar in front

FOLLOWING customer feedback, Nissan has introduced a more track-oriented version of its GT-R supercar.

Called the Track Pack, it offers a more focussed driving experience while still remaining fully road legal.

Unlike aftermarket modifications, this GT-R has the full blessing of the car's creator Kazutoshi Mizuno.

Special six-spoke RAYS alloy wheels with gloss black centres distinguish the Track Pack GT-R on the outside, and also give a total weight saving over the standard 2012 GT-R of 10kg.

Additional brake cooling ducts built into the carbon front splitter reduce the operating temperature by as much as 100 degrees during track use, while similar ducts hidden behind the rear wheels channel cooling air over the rear discs. Track Pack also features stiffer suspension designed to optimise track performance. It comprises a harder set-up and increased body rigidity and has been jointly developed with the GT-R development driver Toshio Suzuki during extensive testing at the Nurburgring.

It will allow GT-R customers to achieve the perfect set-up at the track but, thanks to the special dampers, customers will be able to change the suspension for road-use at a flick of a switch, making the GT-R Track Pack suitable for all environments.

Performance statistics remain unchanged to the 'standard' 2012 GT-R. That means Track Pack customers will still be able to enjoy the GT-R's 550PS power output, and a 0-62 time of just 2.8 seconds.

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The Subaru BRZ jointly named as Vehicle Dynamics International magazine Car of the Year

Japanese cars share top award

THE SUBARU BRZ has been named by Vehicle Dynamics International magazine as Car of the Year.

The Awards' judging panel – comprised of vehicle dynamicists, automotive engineers and technical journalists – also recognised the role of the BRZ's development leader, Toshio Masuda, by naming him 'Dynamicist of the Year'.

Subaru shares these two Awards with the BRZ's near-identical sister, the Toyota GT86, and its chief engineer Tetsuya Tada.

Jury panel member Peter Cambridge, a respected performance car dynamicist, welcomed the Subaru BRZ and GT86 as "the new generation of affordable rear-wheel-drive coupes".

Graham Heeps, Editor of Vehicle Dynamics International, said: "For some time now we've been beating the drum for simplicity.

"Cars that take a less-is-more approach and offer fun at legal speeds have been thin on the ground," he added. Having already secured widespread media acclaim for its engaging handling, winning the Vehicle Dynamics International Car of the Year Award is further confirmation that the BRZ has met Subaru's objective of delivering 'Pure Handling Delight'.

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Copies of the report will be available for public inspection during normal office hours at Reception 21, Second Floor, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square for three weeks starting on 23 May 2012.

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Because injustice was found the Council must now consider the report and tell the Ombudsman within three months (or such longer period as he may agree) the action it has or proposes to take on it.

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Saddlers boss to put his stamp on team

WALSALL boss Dean Smith wants to avoid another season of struggle in League One and build a team with his stamp on it 18 months after taking charge.

Emmanuel Ledesma, Manny Smith and Mat Sadler have all been offered two-year deals. Darryl Westlake, Lee Beevers and David Grof have the chance of one-year contracts. The players must accept or reject the offers by June 19.

Smith said the Saddlers team will be exclusively his when the season begins.

He said: "Last year we were still left with a lot of players who were under contract. Although there are a number of players I brought in, there were some already here.

"I think from the start of next season you can rightly say this is a team Dean Smith has assembled.

"I'm confident in my own ability. Only time will tell, but the recruitment is very important."

Keeper Jimmy Walker, the club's record appearance holder, is still in talks about a player/coach role for next season with his deal expiring at the end of June.

Young

The club say midfielder Adam Chambers is contracted to them for another year and young winger Jake Jones has been offered a six-month deal.

Ryan Jarvis has been officially released after his loan spell at Torquay ended when the Gulls lost 4-1 on aggregate to Cheltenham in the League Two play-off semi-final.

Richard Taundry and Alex Nicholls have verbal offers of one-year deals but officially go down on the club's released list.

They could join Jon Macken, Oliver Lancashire, Kevan Hurst, Anton Peterlin, Connor Deards and Jonny Haynes in leaving the Banks's Stadium.

The Saddlers finished 19th in League One after struggling all season, yet Smith said: "I've really enjoyed it.

"It's frustrating at times because we're in a results-based industry and some of our performances did not get the results we deserved. On the flip side there were some poor performances.

"But it's a season-long campaign and we've worked really hard. Now we get to give it another go next year."

Meanwhile, Northern Ireland boss Michael O'Neill has hinted that Walsall hitman Will Grigg could be handed his international debut against giants Holland in Amsterdam on June 2.

Merricks has the power

RUSHALL'S Paul Merricks has shattered the British bench press record.

The 36-year-old, who trains at and is sponsored by Brownhills Gym in Lichfield Road, set a new high in the Great British Powerlifting Federation section.

Merricks lifted over 230kg at a challenge event in Solihull earlier this month.

It comes on the back of him getting the European record from the British Drug Free Powerlifting Federation in February.

The father-of-two goes to the gym three days a week and has been powerlifting for over 15 years.

Quick change: Old Wulfs played the final in a blue change kit because of a colour clash, but were quickly back into their more familiar red and white halved shirts for the post-match photographs

Wulfs winners

Mostyn Rgrs U14 0
Old Wulfs U14 4

OLD WULFS completed a double victory over Mostyn Rangers by taking the Stourbridge and District League Cup final.

Mostyn were beaten 5-3 by Old Wulfs in a league encounter after going nearly two years undefeated.

Mostyn went on to take the league crown, but were outplayed by Wulfs again in the cup final at The Dell Stadium.

After a tight and tense goalless first half, Old Wulfs scored twice in rapid succession after the break.

Sam Lloyd rose to head in Branden Streete's corner to put them ahead, followed shortly afterwards by Nya Graham-Shea racing away to slot home past the advancing keeper.

Wulfs then dominated the game with Mostyn having just one worthwhile effort on target which was blocked on the line by Leon Owen.

As the clock ticked down, Wulfs sealed the game with a tap-in goal from Djoffre Mpoyi who then added another long-range effort to earn the man of the match award.

Boxer is praised after life change

A BOXING COACH has paid tribute to a school pupil who has "turned his life around" through the sport.

Peter Hickenbottom, of Great Wyrley ABC, was speaking after Jamie Mansell made a promising start to his boxing career with a unanimous points decision over hometown rival Stephen Boyd (Donnington ABC).

For once, a Great Wyrley boxer was taller than his ring opponent – and Mansell made the most of this opportunity to get his southpaw jab operational.

He took the first round as Boyd struggled to get going.

It got better for Mansell in the second round as he brought his other hand into play and began to rock back the head of Boyd, who couldn't cope with the Wyrley fighter's strength. Both tired in the last round, but Mansell deserved his points win.

Hickenbottom said: "For the past two years I have worked with pupils from Elmwood School in Rushall.

"Elmwood is a special school for pupils with social, emotional and behavioural problems, and Jamie is a pupil there.

"He's been coming down to the boxing club, via the school, and in the last two years I have seen a dramatic change in his behaviour and his personality.

"When he first started he wouldn't communicate with anyone and his behaviour at school was quite shocking on a regular day to day basis.

"Slowly but surely, he's turned his life around with boxing being his inspiration."

Wolves speedway deep in the Poole of despair

FAMILIARITY is not exactly breeding contempt. But it's fair to say that Wolves fans have seen enough of Poole for the time being.

The Monmore men, rocked by injuries to Tai Woffinden and Nicolai Klindt, have troubles enough at the moment.

And their record this season, while not encouraging heavy investment in bunting and fireworks, is skewed by three home defeats to the country's most powerful team.

Wolves 39
Poole 54

As team manager Peter Adams put it after Monday's Knockout Cup home defeat: "We can concentrate on the league now."

Dark humour is probably the only adequate response to a comprehensive loss that renders next week's quarter-final second leg at Poole redundant.

Wolves, already bereft of Woffinden and Klindt, then saw mechanical woe restrict No.1 Freddie Lindgren to such an extent that he didn't win a single regular race.

The Swede's only success came in the silly match race option that is now available to a trailing team in this competiton instead of the customary tactical ride.

Seldom

Lindgren led Chris Holder and the Poole ace, in hot pursuit, slid off going into the pits turn.

It was, ironically, not only Lindgren's sole race win but the Pirate's sole blemish in a mesmerising display of ability and courage.

While team-mate Darcy Ward was seldom under pressure in a five-ride full house, Holder had to put himself through the mill.

The skill was apparent as he rounded Ty Proctor and debutant Robert Miskowiak in one move off the fourth turn in heat 13; the guts were displayed eight heats earlier.

Not only did Holder produce a fantastic "save" when looking every inch a faller after overcooking the second turn, he maintained focus and unveiled a breathtaking pass on fellow Aussie Proctor to take the win.

He got plenty of backing on a night that saw the visitors first in 12 heats.

Wolves, by contrast, were second best at pretty much every level bar reserve where Ricky Wells made hay and was paid for 14 points.

He dominated the two Poole reserves, took points off Ricky Kling and Adrian Miedzinski and appeared a man more than happy with his lot.

Elsewhere, Miskowiak looked better with every race as he familiarised himself with English conditions after 18 months away.

Proctor rode his heart out but Pontus Aspgren, a gritty heat eight win against fellow Swede Kling apart, struggled.

Lukasz Sowka's lingering ordeal continues as he made good starts but failed to convert them into points.

He appeared unhappy with Aspgren in that eighth heat, seeming to indicate that his partner had inadvertently hampered his run out of the second corner.

He may have a point, but it was no fault of Aspgren's that Sowka surrendered third place on the very next turn with little fight.

Wolves: Ricky Wells 12+2, Freddie Lindgren 10, Ty Proctor 7+2, Robert Miskowiak 6+1, Pontus Aspgren 3.

Poole: Darcy Ward 15, Chris Holder 14+1, Adrian Miedzinski 7+2, Dennis Andersson 6, Ludvig Lindgren 5+1, Kyle Howarth 4+1, Ricky Kling 3.

Freddie Lindgren, left, and Chris Holder line up for the first ever Knockout Cup match race following new rules

Wolves' Ricky Wells, left, battles it out with Kyle Howarth of Poole. Pictures: *John Hipkiss Photography*

Connaught for Wolves ABC show

WOLVERHAMPTON Amateur Boxing Club will give a run out to a 'perfect 10' on their home show at the city's Connaught Hotel on Saturday night.

Wolves ABC, situated on Willenhall Road, will move across the city so their fighters can compete at the Connaught, located on Tettenhall Road.

The club celebrates its 75th birthday this month and is held in high regard in ring circles as the city's oldest amateur institution.

A total of 10 bouts, all fully sanctioned by the ABA, will take place in the ring on the night after the guests in attendance are seated for a three-course meal.

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Specialists to run the rule over injured stars

INJURED Wolves stars Nicolai Klindt and Tai Woffinden were both seeing specialists about their injuries this week.

An expert was due to look at Woffinden's broken scaphoid yesterday.

Klindt was having a CT scan on Tuesday for the shoulder he broke in three places and was due to see a specialist the following day.

The Dane was moderately encouraged by his most recent consultations.

"I was at a specialist in Denmark and he said the bone that has broken off at the front of the shoulder blade is looking all right," said Klindt.

"The ligaments and muscles in my shoulder are fine. But the socket where the shoulder bone sits is pushed in, plus my shoulder has moved. I've got no strength in it at all," added Klindt. I tried to sit on a bike when I was in Denmark and I had to lift my arm off the handlebars.

"But it's loads better than it was three weeks ago.

"I hope it will be twice as good as it is now in another three weeks – and then we'll see what's going on.

"I'm looking into treatment, oxygen chambers and all sorts of stuff."

Wolves No.1 Freddie Lindgren was left baffled by bike problems in Monday night's home loss to Poole.

"We had a few mechanical problems and never really figured out what was wrong," he said. "It was tough work. We had a problem with both the engine and my clutch, so we have some work to do.

"We haven't been here for three weeks and I haven't been racing on these bikes for a long time.

"That's a bit of the problem, I think. When you're riding all the time, you see these things happening and change stuff all the time."

Borrowing

New-boy Robert Miskowiak wants an immediate improvement after a low-key debut.

The Pole improved race by race against the Pirates and was expecting to be on his own equipment at King's Lynn last night after borrowing an engine for his first match as a Wolf. "I have to be honest with you. I am very disappointed with my races," said Miskowiak frankly following Monday's match.

"I didn't race on English tracks for one and a half years and I had some trouble," he added.

"One engine that I prepared for English tracks hasn't come to England yet.

" I think it will come so I will start tomorrow on a fresh engine.

"I try to improve myself next time.

"This is not an easy track, it is a technical, demanding track. I need some races to be better.

"In the past I have had good meetings here, so I am looking forward. I think I shall be all right."

Wulfs miss out with final kick

Old Wulfs 1 Gornal Athletic 1 (aet, Gornal win 5-4 on pens)

OLD WULFS' bid to win their third trophy in 10 days came unstuck with the last kick of the season's final game.

Gornal had taken a first-half lead through an excellent free-kick by Cameron Creamer.

But in less than 10 minutes, Old Wulfs were level after Tom Jones had cleverly flicked in Michael Johnston's cross.

After that, both defences remained resolute with few chances available. Extra time failed to separate the sides and the penalty shoot-out took the trophy to Gornal.

Aces live up to tag and pile up score

Wednesfield Aces 103
Ipswich Eagles 75

ON a fine clear afternoon the Aces were as bright as the weather as they piled on the score in this Elite League Cycle Speedway fixture.

Wednesfield began steadily but gradually started to up the tempo, taking a brace of 7-3 heat wins, first through Luke Draisey and Ben Mould and then from Mark Griffiths and Lee Aris.

Wednesfield were nine up at the halfway mark but the visitors picked up their second heat win of the match when Aris fell on the top bend while trying to dive underneath the Eagles pairing of Richard Williamson and Jamie Chittock.

The next race was a 5-5 but then the Aces powered on and slapped in another three 7-3 heat victories.

Heat 17 was shared but Wednesfield finished off with a heat maximum from Mould and Gavin Wheeler.

Wednesfield: Ben Mould 20, Lee Aris 16+1, Gavin Wheeler 15+1, Luke Draisey 12+2, Ricki Johnson 12, Matt Haddock 11, Mark Griffiths 9+1, Chris Jewkes 8+2.

Wednesfield Aces 52
Ipswich Eagles 78

Ipswich gained some measure of revenge when winning the Combination match.

Their youngsters Charlie Rumbold and Will Clarke showed good teamwork, helped by the steadiness of Jordan Stant and a couple of good rides from Lauren Jacobs.

Evergreen Ace Mick Aris led by example with a couple of race wins, but Wednesfield were outgunned by the Eagles.

Wednesfield: Mick Aris 11, Dave Meanley 9, Sam Parr 9, Harry Everiss 8, Arron O'Brien 6+1, Charlie Ellitts 6.

Turner throws her way to gold

BROWNHILLS youngster Jasmine Turner is the golden girl of her judo school after a stunning success in Holland.

The nine-year-old won all five of her fights to take gold in the international championships held in Mierlo.

Officials from the Chase-based Meiji School of Excellence took 10 competitors to the event – and described the refereeing as the worst that they had seen.

Turner, however, simply ruled the judges out of the equation by winning all her fights inside the distance – three of them within five seconds.

Former pupil Martin Williams returns to Wednesfield High

Former pupil runs 'home'

ONE of Great Britain's quickest marathon runners went back to his old school in Wolverhampton to pass on some training tips to pupils.

Martin Williams led a PE class for Year 8 pupils at Wednesfield High School.

While visiting the school Williams, who is now based with athletics club Tipton Harriers, also caught up with his old PE teacher David Slater, now head of house at Wednesfield High.

Williams, aged 34, said: "It's been great coming back to my old school and meeting all the pupils.

"I took the students for a run round the gym and they all seemed keen."

Athletics

A total of 40 pupils took part in the session with Williams, who left the school in 1996 and is now the 11th-ranked marathon runner in Great Britain.

Mr Slater, aged 50, recalled: "Martin was always very sporty when I taught him.

"I always remember he never stopped running during football matches."

■ West Bromwich Harriers entered two teams in the British Masters road relay championships at Sutton Park.

In the womens event W45 Ruth Blackwood, making her debut, took the anchor leg to secure the club's finish of 47th out of 62 teams.

She clocked 26 minutes 14 seconds for the three-mile course. She was aided by Diane Edge (V60) in 24.39 and Meagon Jeavons (V55) in 26.43.

In the mens event 35-plus, the eight-man West Bromwich side finished 21st out of 79 starters, with consistent running all through.

Dave Jones clocked 19.38, Steve Pitt 18.26, Girmal Dehl 17.00, Mal Carr 19.12, Gary Clifton 19.42, Andrew Moseley 20.43, Jim Greenwood 21.40 and Paul Mansell 24.21.

First XI thwarted in bid for victory

Tales from The Bratch – Beacon CC

BEACON firsts were frustrated in their bid for victory at the weekend.

Some stubborn Springvale resistance left them having to settle for a winning draw.

After losing the toss, Beacon claimed maximum batting points as they rattled up 241-7 with the top three – Roger Fildes (65), Jimmy Howell (66) and Nathan Howell (60) – all among the runs.

South African Ryno Alberts then bagged 3-19 from 11 overs but Beacon couldn't work their way through the Springvale batting order as the visitors closed on 121-7.

Beacon's second team saw their clash at Springvale washed out without a ball being bowled.

The thirds crashed to an eight-wicket defeat at Wolverhampton after being bowled out for 102.

There was also disappointment for the fourth team as they slipped to a one-wicket reverse at home to Codsall.

Beacon were all out for 88 with Codsall scraping home. Matt Baker took 3-21 for Beacon.

Beacon's under-13s picked up their second Worcestershire Premier League success of the season, courtesy of a seven-run victory over Kidderminster.

Worcestershire duo Billy Cox (30 not out) and Zak Smith (26) helped Beacon post 93-5 from their 20 overs.

Sam Forster was the pick of the Beacon bowlers as Kidderminster were restricted to 86-4 in response.

Beacon under-16s went down by five wickets to Wombourne in their North Worcestershire League clash.

Jeavons half-century helps overhaul total

ALTHOUGH there was rain about on Saturday and we had to cancel our second XI game at home, in the Birmingham Premier League, our firsts got in a game.

They were away at Shrewsbury where, thanks to their excellent covers, 40 overs a side were played.

Simon Lycett was captain after a late injury to the usual skipper Danny Bowyer, and we were fortunate to win the toss, and ask the opposition to bat, ***writes David Lycett.***

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Their strong batting line-up was quickly in trouble at 6-3, but the two Foster brothers Ed and Rob did well to restore the situation.

Superb fielding restricted them to 148-7, with four wickets for Johannes Bothma and two for Simon Lycett.

Batting was never going to be easy but thanks mainly to Aaron Jeavons, who reached another half-century, and good backing from Vishie Tripathi (36) and Lycett (16), we managed to overhaul their total for the loss of five wickets and win with an over to spare.

Cancelled

Although it is only early in the season, after three games and three wins, we are top of the league.

In the Staffs Club League, two games were cancelled. However, the Danes played Lichfield, in a game restricted to 48 overs each, and made 265-3 declared.

Shoukat Maliq top scored with 135 not out and was well supported by youngster James Turner (55) and Amrit Pal (47).

The opposition struggled against tight bowling and limped to 125-7 in 52 overs with skipper Tariq Ali (3-21) the pick of the bowlers in a very good winning draw.

The other match to be played in this league was our Courts, playing Beacon, who we asked to bat on winning the toss.

Beacon were all out for 108 in 24 overs. Rob Lowe, although still young, is a veteran in this side and took 4-13.

We had no trouble reaching this total, with the athletic young Jack Stanley 60 not out. He also took three excellent catches.

This was a good win by eight wickets.

On Saturday, our seconds are at home against Barnt Green (12.30pm) while our firsts are away on successive days.

They travel to Barnt Green on Saturday (noon) and Walsall in the third round of the National Knockout the following day

Textbook positioning from Wolverhampton wicketkeeper Alex Grant as Shrewsbury's Tom Cox drives to the offside

Sport at centre of Mela event

THOUSANDS of people are expected to attend this year's Walsall Mela – with sport as the centrepiece.

The Mela – a Sanskrit word meaning meeting or gathering – celebrates culture. Sunday's event at Palfrey Park includes handball, basketball, football and cricket tournaments.

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Pedersen says no to deal at Wolves

TRIPLE world speedway champion Nicki Pedersen has turned down a short-term deal at Wolves.

The club asset, currently just two points behind leader Jason Crump in the Grand Prix standings, was contacted by management after Tai Woffinden broke a scaphoid bone in his wrist.

But team boss Peter Adams said: "He doesn't want to come.

"He's been approached and he doesn't want to do it.

"I can quite understand that.

"He is hovering near the top of the Grand Prix. He rides in Sweden and Poland, and accommodating this is just a bridge too far."

Pedersen has been a controversial figure in his previous years at Monmore Green. But attitudes towards him among the fan base have mellowed recently. He gets 'panto' booing on his appearances at the track – and laps it up.

Injury-hit Wolves, with Woffinden and Nicolai Klindt both sidelined by broken bones, were beaten 54-39 at Monmore Green in the first leg of their Knock-out Cup quarter-final on Monday.

Darter sees lightning strike twice

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Ash Khayat reached the fourth round of the PDC's latest Youth Tour events at the weekend – twice in the same day!

The 19-year-old was dumped out 4-2 by William Robbins in the first round of Sunday's event, but did his best work on Saturday.

The Wednesfield darter was involved in both the day's tournaments at the Rivermead Centre in Reading and went out at the same stage.

First up, the teenager put out Rees Hall 4-0, Kurtis Atkins 4-1 and Curtis Hammond 4-3.

John Seagrave eventually ended his challenge by 4-3, leaving the Black Country prospect to concentrate on the second event of the day.

And Khayat repeated to the trick to see off David Williams, George Killington and Adam Hunt by 4-1, 4-2 and 4-3 respectively.

That set up a second fourth round clash, this time with Reece Robinson, where Khayat was beaten 4-1.

Kamilla Czartolomna, centre, after an impressive winning race from second-placed Henry Dugmore, right, and Wouter Swinnock, third

Kamilla rules waves

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Kamilla Czartolomna has clinched a place in a prestigious national grand final – with a win in her very first race!

The 11-year-old powerboater, from Perton, took top spot at the West Midlands Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship regional final.

It was a great result in the 8-12 years age group for the youngster at South Staffordshire Sailing Club.

Czartolomna, who had never entered the championships before this year, clocked 1.54.90 to complete the fastest time trial in her category.

And, by virtue of that win at Gailey Reservoir, the Perton Middle School pupil will fly the flag for the West Midlands in September at Southampton.

She said: "I was very surprised to win against the other junior drivers and I was very excited when I found out I had won.

"I am really looking forward to competing at Southampton!"

Now comes a head-to-head against the age-group victors from all 13 other regional deciders at the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship final.

Now in its 11th year, the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship introduces youngsters to powerboats and trains them to be safe, proficient drivers.

The overall national champion will win a Honwave T40 RIB with a Honda BF20 engine for their club. The event will take place at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on Sunday, September 16.

PREMIER TEAMS IN FRAME FOR JARVIS

PREMIER League clubs are queuing up to make Wolves winger Matt Jarvis a summer transfer target.

North-east sides Newcastle and Sunderland, along with Fulham, Tottenham and promoted trio Reading, Southampton and West Ham have joined Stoke and others in keeping tabs on the 25-year-old.

The club accept that in-demand Jarvis and striker Steven Fletcher will be sold if the right money is offered.

by Tim Nash

And it's understood that a bid of £8m to £10m could tempt the club into doing business.

However, Wolves don't need to sell and are in no rush to move on either of their two most prized assets.

It's also understood that no offers have yet been received for the pair, who both have three years left on their contracts.

But both want to remain in the Premier League and it seems only a matter of time before business is done.

The picture should become clearer next week when Jarvis sits down with his agent for talks.

Tempted

Jarvis has a house in his native Surrey, where his parents live and he was raised.

And although there is no indication that he bought the property to live in at this stage of his playing career, the former Gillingham man could be tempted to a return to his southern roots.

Spurs lost their place in the Champions League for next season after Chelsea won the competition on Saturday night.

That could mean star players such as Gareth Bale may seek a move this summer to play in Europe's top competition. Barcelona have been linked to a move for the Wales international and, if that happens, then Jarvis could appear on Harry Redknapp's radar.

Meanwhile, former Wolves boss Mick McCarthy is understood to have rejected the chance to speak to Hull City about their managerial vacancy.

The 53-year-old, who has now moved back to Bromley, Kent, has been linked to the post after Nick Barmby was controversially fired.

But it's understood McCarthy isn't keen on moving to Humberside amid concerns about the owners' treatment of Barmby.

Wolves have announced plans to return to Ireland for a pre-season training camp and friendly with Bray Wanderers in July.

The squad will be in the country from July 16-22, which includes the friendly with Bray on July 21 (3pm).

They will again be based at the palatial Carton House, Kildare, a venue used by Real Madrid, around 15 miles west of Dublin.

It will be the third year in a row the squad has been based at the venue, which contains two championship golf courses.

Volley good show as students claim gold

SPORTY Wolverhampton students helped beat off competition from teams across the UK to claim gold in a national volleyball tournament.

Kings School pupils Sam Latham-Talbot and Akash Srivastava, both 16, were successful in the contest.

So too was 14-year-old Sophie Banks, from Wolverhampton Girls High School.

They were in the winning Central England team in the national School Games event on May 9.

The trio all play for Tettenhall Tigers volleyball team.

Headteacher at Kings School, Steve Cousins said: "We're extremely proud of them.

"It's a fantastic achievement."

The School Games were at the ExCeL Centre in London, which will be used for some Olympic events.

National medals for Sam Latham-Talbot, from Newbridge, and Sophie Banks, of Penn

Holders are defeated as Rangers lift trophy

Black Country Rangers 4
AFC Wulfrunians 3

BLACK Country Rangers beat holders AFC Wulfrunians in a pulsating JW Hunt Cup final in the driving rain at Molineux.

Tividale-based Rangers created several first-half chances and led 2-0 at the break.

Apart from a Jake Sedgemore free-kick which keeper Richard Kennedy turned aside Wulfrunians, in their fourth final in five years, rarely threatened.

Rangers dominated, but it took 29 minutes before skipper Steve Bowes put them ahead after Wulfs keeper Danny Tipton spilled a cross.

Four minutes from the break a cross from the left was headed home by Paul Oakley.

Wulfrunians turned the game on its head in the second half and a Sedgemore penalty on 61 minutes reduced the arrears. Seven minutes later Ben Jeavons raced through to equalise.

Rangers weathered the storm and must have thought they had won the trophy 10 minutes from time when substitute Liam Hughes found himself clean through and coolly beat Tipton. Yet within a minute it was all square once more as Ade Bandele rose highest to head home.

Extra-time looked certain until the 89th minute when a penalty for handball saw Bowes power in his second.

The game was a fitting finale to a competition whose proceeds go to the Beacon Centre for the Blind.

Black Country Rangers: Kennedy, Hurdman, Harris, Garner, Parkes, Meese (Gregg 90+2), Bladen (Hughes 73), Pardoe, Roberts, Oakley Bowes.

AFC Wulfrunians: Danny Tipton, Evans (Joshua 90+1), Burd, Mark Tipton, Sedgemore, Boothe, Crudgington, Sheffield (Broom 60), Bandele, Rose-Laing, Jeavons.

Referee: Craig Taylor.

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